

WARRIOR RUN BOROUGH

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Council Meeting Minutes Monday, April 10, 2023

Meeting Called to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval / Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approval / Treasurer Report of Previous Month

Communications

Public Comment on Tonight's Agenda

Old Business

New Business

Attorney Patrick Aregood Report

Police Report

Mayor's Report

Public Comment

Final Comment

Adjournment

Council Meeting Minutes Monday, April 10, 2023

| Roll Call | Present | Not Present |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Council Members: | | |
| Larry Carbohn, President | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> |
| Sharon Wengren, Vice-President | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> |
| Sandy Wegrzynowicz | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> |
| Matt Pilch | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> |
| John Quinn, Public Works Supervisor | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> |

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| Other Attendees: | | |
| Mayor, Tom Shypulefski | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> |
| Solicitor, Attorney Patrick Aregood | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> |
| Secretary, Donna Tudgay | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> |

A motion to approve the minutes from the March 13, 2023, Meeting.

1st motion made by: JQ 2nd motion made by: S. Wengren

| | Yes | No | Abstain |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Sharon Wengren | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Sandy Wegrzynowicz | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| M. Pilch | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| J. Quinn | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| L. Carbohn | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

Motion passed X

Motion failed

A motion to approve the Treasurer’s report from March 1, 2023, through March 31, 2023.

1st motion made by: S. Wengren 2nd motion made by: MP

| | Yes | No | Abstain |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Sharon Wengren | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Sandy Wegrzynowicz | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| M. Pilch | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| J. Quinn | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| L. Carbohn | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

Motion passed X

Motion failed

Communications

A thank you card was received from the Metcalf family.

There will be a fundraiser for Hanover Township Crime Watch, at the American Legion Post 609 on Lee Park Avenue, Hanover Township, on Sunday, April 23, 2023, from 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Public Comment on Tonight’s Agenda - None

Old Business

1. A motion to ratify payment to Pumping Solutions of Wilkes-Barre, for the regular monthly service of \$350.00 and an additional fee of \$186.00 for grease solution used at the pump station on Hanover Street, to be paid from the Sewer Fund.

1st motion made by: MP 2nd motion made by: S. Wengren

| | Yes | No | Abstain |
|--------------------|----------|-------|---------|
| Sharon Wengren | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| Sandy Wegrzynowicz | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| M. Pilch | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| J. Quinn | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| L. Carbohn | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |

Motion passed X

Motion failed _____

2. A motion to have Pumping Solutions of Wilkes-Barre, to clean the wet well at the pump station on Hanover Street and to have Rotor Rooter at the station to clean and vacuum out the well (last year cost was \$1700.00). This amount will be determined at a later date and will be paid from the Sewer Fund.

1st motion made by: MP 2nd motion made by: S. Wegrzynowicz

| | Yes | No | Abstain |
|--------------------|----------|-------|---------|
| Sharon Wengren | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| Sandy Wegrzynowicz | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| M. Pilch | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| J. Quinn | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| L. Carbohn | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |

Motion passed X

Motion failed _____

3. A motion to ratify payment to Hanover Township Treasurer, for the 2023 License Tax Notice for Sewer Use Fee, in the amount of \$3030.50, to be paid from the Sewer Fund.

1st motion made by: JQ 2nd motion made by: S. Wegrzynowicz

| | Yes | No | Abstain |
|--------------------|----------|-------|---------|
| Sharon Wengren | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| Sandy Wegrzynowicz | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| M. Pilch | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| J. Quinn | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| L. Carbohn | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |

Motion passed X

Motion failed _____

4. A motion to pay Cintas Fire Protection for the annual service for the Borough fire extinguishers, in the amount of \$262.77, to be paid from the General Fund.

1st motion made by: S. Wengren 2nd motion made by: MP

| | Yes | No | Abstain |
|--------------------|----------|-------|---------|
| Sharon Wengren | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| Sandy Wegrzynowicz | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| M. Pilch | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| J. Quinn | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| L. Carbohn | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |

Motion passed X

Motion failed _____

5. A motion to ratify a transfer of \$250.00, from the General Fund to the Refuse Fund, for the garbage sticker fee for the Borough Building.

1st motion made by: S. Wegrzynowicz 2nd motion made by: S. Wengren

| | Yes | No | Abstain |
|--------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Sharon Wengren | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Sandy Wegrzynowicz | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| M. Pilch | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| J. Quinn | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u> X </u> |
| L. Carbohn | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

Motion passed X

Motion failed

New Business - None

Attorney Aregood Report

A Right to Know (RTK) request was forwarded regarding a resident selling his parents' house.

- A title search is being done and the company is requesting our public records, to determine if there are liens on property
- It is a public record and a RTK request form was completed
- Borough has obligation to either deny request or give information
- Easiest path is to provide information we have and to charge for the information provided
- The charge must be reasonable and must be set forth by motion through the council.
- The charge is limited to price-per-page of information provided, not to exceed \$100.00. Borough should research management of prior RTK requests

A magistrate hearing was held last week for property owner (R. Stader) regarding garbage fee and was found guilty by magistrate.

There are two more trials set for future for sundry issues.

Police Report - Month of March 2023 - Report on file

Council Member Sandra Wegrzynowicz made an inquiry and stated her concern regarding the response she received by Hanover Township police, to a complaint she made regarding loud music at night, outside of her home by her neighbor. The Mayor will look into this matter.

Mayor Report

1. I find it amusing that our residents think Warrior Run Borough doesn't offer any services to our community. They seem to follow a handful of misinformed or hateful instigators on Facebook. Their only intentions are to cause negative reactions to harm our borough. I will mention a handful of services: Hanover Township Police Department, Hanover Township Fire Department, GFL Refuse, G&R Consulting, Penn Eastern Engineers, Pumping Solutions of Wilkes-Barre, DGK Insurance, Hanover Area School District and Attorney Patrick Aregood. Also included is UGI, which provides the streetlights and heating services to our locations and WWSA and Pennsylvania American Water which provide water and sanitation services. The same utility bills residents pay, plus many more, are the Borough's responsibility. This does not include our street crew who plow the streets, maintain grass, trees, ditches, yard waste, deliver refuse containers and handle various problems other municipalities tell their residents to take care of themselves. Our secretary handles daily paperwork and forms required by the County and State. Our Council members work to provide the most cost-efficient way to provide these services. As Mayor, I have brought in close to \$400 thousand in grants with no remuneration. These naysayers should be thankful that Warrior Run Borough is able to provide quality services at reasonable costs. It amazes me that outside residents are constantly complementing our Borough for the tremendous progress we have achieved over the past 5 years. It's time our Facebook agitators step up and help in the progress not regression.
2. In constant contact with our State Representative Alec Ryncavage on various projects. Hopefully we will receive news soon on select projects.

3. LSA grant is scheduled for later this month. However, I was informed it probably will move to May due to new appointments in Harrisburg. Our submission this year is Front Street,
4. Submitted our A.R.P. filing with the U.S. Treasury Department which is required for allocation and strict regulations of usage. Money was awarded for the first phase of Short Street. Storm boxes were placed to prevent excess flooding of residents on Short & Chestnut. Short Street will be paved to complete the project. Various municipalities, cities & boroughs pay designated person \$35 per hour to file paperwork. I receive no remuneration.
5. Magistrate hearings are scheduled, Attorney Aregood and Code Officer Gulick were informed. Refuse nonpayment & property maintenance are on the agenda.
6. Sunday, April 30, 2023, is the deadline before 2023 nonpayment residents are forwarded to court. As stated previously, the current process is costly to the Borough and needs to be addressed. Utility companies do not incur costly fees for nonpayment; and they eventually get paid.
7. Warrior Run needs to start looking at new regulations to control property management of residents locating in our area. It has become difficult to communicate with absentee landowners from New York, New Jersey, Virginia, L.L.C.s, etc. This needs to be addressed as the problems seem to escalate. Nonpayment of refuse and property maintenance management are the biggest culprits. It's unfair for reliable and faithful residents to tow the line and others flaunt the law.

A motion to accept Attorney Aregood’s Report, Police Report and Mayor’s report.

1st motion made by: JQ

2nd motion made by: MP

| | Yes | No | Abstain |
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| Sharon Wengren | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| Sandy Wegrzynowicz | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| M. Pilch | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| J. Quinn | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| L. Carbohn | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |

Motion passed X

Motion failed _____

Final Comment

Ed Krasavage is waiting for the water line movement to be completed by RLE for the Chestnut Street project. Once completed, he can come to finish the work on the storm boxes/storm pipes.

We may be rehiring a former street department employee (Eric Keppler) to assist with yard waste; another employee is anticipating accepting another job.

The President, Council stated per the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB), there is discussion regarding advertising may be allowed on borough websites (ordinances for example), due to newspapers limiting their circulation. We are waiting for further guidance on this issue; this will eliminate boroughs having to pay for advertisements in newspapers.

The Warrior Run 125 Association will be holding a festival meeting on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at 6 PM, at the Borough Building.

Public Comment - None

Motion to adjourn

1st motion made by: JQ 2nd motion made by: S. Wegrzynowicz

| | Yes | No | Abstain |
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| Sharon Wengren | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| Sandy Wegrzynowicz | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| M. Pilch | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| J. Quinn | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| L. Carbohn | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

Motion passed X

Motion failed

Donna Tudgay
Secretary, Warrior Run Borough
Submitted: 04/10/2023