

WARRIOR RUN BOROUGH

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Tonight's Agenda Monday April 12, 2021

Roll Call	Present	Not Present
Council members:		
Rick Kratz	X	_____
Sharon Wengren	X	_____
Matt Pilch	X	_____
John Quinn	X	_____
Larry Carbohn	X	_____
 Other attendees:		
Mayor		
Tom Shypulefski		X
Solicitor		
Patrick Aregood	X	_____
Secretary/Treasurer		
Tom Kneidinger	X	_____

A motion to accept the minutes from the March 8, 2021 council meeting.

1st motion made by: M.P. 2nd motion made by: S.W.

	Yes	No	Abstain
R. Kratz	_____	X	_____
S. Wengren	X	_____	_____
M. Pilch	X	_____	_____
J. Quinn	X	_____	_____
L. Carbohn	X	_____	_____

Motion passed X Motion failed to pass _____

A motion to accept the treasurer's report from March 8, 2021 to April 12, 2021.

1st motion made by: S.W. 2nd motion made by: M.P.

	Yes	No	Abstain
R. Kratz	X	_____	_____
S. Wengren	X	_____	_____
M. Pilch	X	_____	_____
J. Quinn	X	_____	_____
L. Carbohn	X	_____	_____

Motion passed X Motion failed to pass _____

I would like to take a moment of silence to honor two Warrior Run Borough residents that passed away, Mr. Leonard Croop Sr. and Mr. Henry Moriarty. They will both be missed greatly.

Communications: NONE

Old Business:

1. A motion to ratify the bills for Home Depot and Economy Lumber for the materials that Frank Pilch needed to finish the mural on the legion building in the amount of \$300.00. To be paid from the General Fund.

1st motion made by: S.W. 2nd motion made by: R.K.

	Yes	No	Abstain
R. Kratz	X	_____	_____
S. Wengren	X	_____	_____
M. Pilch	X	_____	_____
J. Quinn	X	_____	_____
L. Carbohn	X	_____	_____

Motion passed X

Motion failed to pass _____

2. A motion to accept the new ordinance which was advertised in both newspapers for MAXIMUM PENALTIES on code violations.

1st motion made by: S.W.

2nd motion made by: M.P.

	Yes	No	Abstain
R. Kratz	_____	X	_____
S. Wengren	X	_____	_____
M. Pilch	X	_____	_____
J. Quinn	X	_____	_____
L. Carbohn	X	_____	_____

Motion passed X Motion failed to pass _____

3. A motion to pay Hillman Securities an additional \$850.00 for a camera on the front of the borough building. Total amount of the bill will be \$3,850.00. To be paid from the General Fund.

1st motion made by: M.P.

2nd motion made by: S.W.

	Yes	No	Abstain
R. Kratz	_____	X	_____
S. Wengren	X	_____	_____
M. Pilch	X	_____	_____
J. Quinn	X	_____	_____
L. Carbohn	X	_____	_____

Motion passed X Motion failed to pass _____

4. A motion to ratify payment to code enforcement officer, Greg Gulick in the amount of \$300.00 for work done for the borough. To be paid from the General Fund.

1st motion made by: J.Q.

2nd motion made by: M.P.

	Yes	No	Abstain
R. Kratz	X	_____	_____
S. Wengren	X	_____	_____
M. Pilch	X	_____	_____
J. Quinn	X	_____	_____
L. Carbohn	X	_____	_____

Motion passed X

Motion failed to pass _____

Councilman Rick Kratz requested information regarding the residential / magistrate's cases performed by code officer. Attorney Pat Aregood provided the information.

New Business:

1. A motion to increase salary for the street department as follows:
John Quinn and Ted Linkiewicz from \$13.00/hour to \$16.00/hour
Larry Carbohn from \$11.50 to \$15.50
James McCabe and Sean Burrige from \$10.50/hour to \$13.50/hour.
All employees to be paid \$21.00/hour for any/all types of snow removal.
(Plowing, shoveling, etc.) Effective Thursday April 15, 2021.

1st motion made by: S.W.

2nd motion made by: M.P.

	Yes	No	Abstain
R. Kratz	_____	X	_____
S. Wengren	X	_____	_____
M. Pilch	X	_____	_____
J. Quinn	_____	_____	X
L. Carbohn	_____	_____	X

Motion passed X

Motion failed to pass _____

2. A motion to have Marconi Electric replace and repair the breaker boxes and service in the legion building in the amount of \$1,950.00. To be paid from the General Fund.

1st motion made by: J.Q.

2nd motion made by: S.W.

	Yes	No	Abstain
R. Kratz		X	_____
S. Wengren	X	_____	_____
M. Pilch	X	_____	_____
J. Quinn	X	_____	_____
L. Carbohn	X	_____	_____

Motion passed X

Motion failed to pass _____

3. A motion to ratify the payment to Barber Ford for a new mirror for the F550 dump truck in the amount of \$866.00. To be paid from the Highway Aid Fund.

1st motion made by: M.P.

2nd motion made by: S.W.

	Yes	No	Abstain
R. Kratz	X	_____	_____
S. Wengren	X	_____	_____
M. Pilch	X	_____	_____
J. Quinn	X	_____	_____
L. Carbohn	X	_____	_____

Motion passed X

Motion failed to pass _____

4. A motion to have Wilkes-Barre Spring add 4 new leaf springs to the F250 pickup truck. All parts/labor total \$715.50. To be paid from the Highway Aid Fund.

1st motion made by: S.W.

2nd motion made by: J.Q.

	Yes	No	Abstain
R. Kratz	_____	_____	X
S. Wengren	X	_____	_____
M. Pilch	X	_____	_____
J. Quinn	X	_____	_____
L. Carbohn	X	_____	_____

Motion passed X

Motion failed to pass _____

5. A motion to ratify payment to the sewer authority for filing leans in the borough for the years of 2021 in the amount of \$184.00. To be paid from the General Fund.

1st motion made by: M.P.

2nd motion made by: R.K.

	Yes	No	Abstain
R. Kratz	X	_____	_____
S. Wengren	X	_____	_____
M. Pilch	X	_____	_____
J. Quinn	X	_____	_____
L. Carbohn	X	_____	_____

Motion passed X

Motion failed to pass _____

6. A motion to ratify payment to Roto Rooter for the emergency work that was performed on the sewer pipe behind the houses on Chestnut Street in the amount of \$1,166.00. To be paid from the Sewer Fund.

1st motion made by: J.Q.

2nd motion made by: S.W.

	Yes	No	Abstain
R. Kratz	X	_____	_____
S. Wengren	X	_____	_____
M. Pilch	X	_____	_____
J. Quinn	X	_____	_____
L. Carbohn	X	_____	_____

Motion passed X

Motion failed to pass _____

7. A motion to authorize the current mayor and current secretary/treasurer as the only people to have the code and keys to the secretary/treasurer's office of the borough building and also the code to the floor safe in the office.

1st motion made by: S.W.

2nd motion made by: M.P.

	Yes	No	Abstain
R. Kratz	_____	X	_____
S. Wengren	X	_____	_____
M. Pilch	X	_____	_____
J. Quinn	X	_____	_____
L. Carbohn	X	_____	_____

Motion passed X

Motion failed to pass _____

8. A motion to purchase 25 yards of playground mulch from Mr. Mulch that will be used in the playground. Total amount of \$1,100.00. To be paid from the General Fund.

1st motion made by: S.W.

2nd motion made by: R.K.

	Yes	No	Abstain
R. Kratz	X	_____	_____
S. Wengren	X	_____	_____
M. Pilch	X	_____	_____
J. Quinn	X	_____	_____
L. Carbohn	X	_____	_____

Motion passed X

Motion failed to pass _____

9. A motion to ratify payment to Kelter Florist for flowers that were sent to Henry Moriarty's funeral service in the amount of \$43.00. To be paid from the General Fund.

1st motion made by: R.K.

2nd motion made by: J.Q.

	Yes	No	Abstain
R. Kratz	X	_____	_____
S. Wengren	X	_____	_____
M. Pilch	X	_____	_____
J. Quinn	X	_____	_____
L. Carbohn	X	_____	_____

Motion passed X

Motion failed to pass _____

Attorney Aregood Topics:

1. Attorney Aregood stated that the deed for the ballfield has been executed by The Nature Conservancy, for transfer to Warrior Run Borough. The deed needs to be signed by Council President Larry Carbohn.
2. The new Borough Ordinance regarding the new maximum penalties of \$300 to \$500 for borough code violations has been advertised in both local newspaper. Signatures from Borough's official are needed to finalize the ordinance.
3. Attorney Aregood has filed four sewer liens with the Prothonotary's office regarding Borough's residents.
4. There has been a hearing at Magistrate Halesey's office regarding the Steve Tomcho property at 538-540 Orchard Street. The conclusion was that the property would either be repaired or torn down by a neighbor, who is interested in the property. The expectation is that there would be a settlement of this issue.

5. Attorney Aregood was contacted by Atty. Joseph Romano from the Philadelphia area. Atty. Romano is from a large firm that adjudicates personal liability lawsuits. Attorney Romano is currently representing the Cross family in a liability suit with potentially a significant sum of money being awarded to the Cross family. Currently there are two Borough's properties in the Cross family, which have delinquent property taxes. Atty. Aregood stated that Atty. Romano asked if the payments of the taxes be delayed until the resolution of the Cross family suit, which would allow the Cross family to pay the back taxes on 506 Front Street and 361 Hanover Street. Atty. Aregood informed Atty. Romano and Council that the majority of the property taxes on these properties would be owed to the county and school district. Ultimately, the collection agency for delinquent property taxes, Elite Revenue, would have to make the decision about the payment of these delinquent property taxes.
6. Atty. Aregood recommended that the Borough not agree to defer property tax payments on the above mentioned properties, because this could set a precedent for the Borough in similar future tax matters.
7. A hearing for the Herbert Wooten properties has been rescheduled by Magistrate's Halesy's office.

POLICE REPORT: ON FILE

04/12/2021 Mayor's Report:

NO MAYOR'S REPORT

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

1st motion made by: J.Q.

2nd motion made by: M.P.

	Yes	No	Abstain
R. Kratz	X	_____	_____
S. Wengren	X	_____	_____
M. Pilch	X	_____	_____
J. Quinn	X	_____	_____
L. Carbohn	X	_____	_____
Motion passed	X		
Motion failed to pass			_____

Council Final Comment:

NO COUNCIL COMMENT

Public Comment:

Two Borough residents were in attendance at the meeting. Joseph Palladino of 399 Hanover Street and Rick Tattersall of 511-513 Front Street.

1. Mr. Palladino was present due to his delinquent Sewer O & M balance. He informed Council of an offer he was willing to make to pay his past due balance.

At this point, all members of Council and Atty. Aregood went into executive session. During the executive session, Atty. Aregood recommends contacting Karen M. Hazleton, CPA, the Borough's auditor and Creditech Collection Solutions about what was discussed in the executive session. Tabled to work session.

2. Mr. Tattersall, who is in the process of paying his delinquent Sewer O & M balance through the Creditech Collection Agency requested advise from Council and Atty. Aregood about the collection process.

Motion to adjourn

1st motion made by: J.Q.

2nd motion made by: S.W.

	Yes	No	Abstain
R. Kratz	X	_____	_____
S. Wengren	X	_____	_____
M. Pilch	X	_____	_____
J. Quinn	X	_____	_____
L. Carbohn	X	_____	_____
Motion passed	X		
Motion failed to pass			_____

Thomas R Kneidinger
Secretary / Treasurer
Warrior Run Borough
Submitted 04/12/2021

