

Minutes of the Warrior Run Borough  
Council Meeting  
April 8, 2019

The Warrior Run Council Meeting of 04/08/2019 was held at the Warrior Run Borough Building, 496 Front Street, Warrior Run, PA.

The meeting was called to order by Larry Carbohn, who led The Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Rick Kratz, Luke Matthews, John Quinn and Matt Pilch. Mayor Tom Shypulefski was present.

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of 03/11/2019 were read by Tom Kneidinger. The Treasurer's Report from 03/12/2019 to 04/08/2019 was given.

A motion to accept the Minutes of the previous Council Meeting and the Treasurer's Report was made by John Quinn, seconded by Matt Pilch, and passed by 5 yes.

SGT. RICHARDSON – HANOVER TOWNSHIP POLICE: Sgt. Richardson was in attendance, due to a recent reported incident of potential abduction of a young Borough resident by a person of interest.

There was a large group of Borough residents in attendance that expressed concern with regard to this incident. There was much discussion between Borough residents and Sgt. Richardson as to what could be done. To avoid this type of situation in the future, Sgt. Richardson stated that calling 911 should be done immediately for any suspicious activity. Sgt. Richardson provided the Mayor with additional Hanover Township Police contact information to be posted on the front of the Borough building. Rick Kratz suggested that a Crime Watch Organization be established. It was determined by council that a preliminary meeting be set up on 04/15/2019 at 7 p.m. at the Borough building. Several Borough residents expressed interest in attending this initial meeting.

A motion was made by Luke Matthews for the Borough to provide pizza for this meeting, seconded by Rick Kratz, and passed by 5 yes.

OLD BUSINESS: Rick Kratz brought up the continuing issue of potholes on Beaumont and Hanover Streets. Attorney Aregood explained the legal issues regarding the Borough doing road repairs on Hanover Street. Attorney Aregood stated if there are Borough repairs on Hanover Street, the Borough could be held responsible for an accident situation. Hanover Street is a Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) road. Repairs should be done by PennDOT.

Attorney Aregood provided information on Creditech, the collection agency. The Borough plans to use for the collection of past due sewer O&M bills. Attorney Aregood stated Creditech charges an 18% collection fee for bills collected and passes that fee onto debtors with the past due sewer O&M bills. Creditech also charges a 50% commission to the client (Warrior Run Borough) on any account administered by an attorney. The client will be liable for court costs advanced by Creditech.

Attorney Aregood provided council with a copy of the Creditech agreement between Warrior Run Borough and Creditech, to collect past due sewer O&M bills.

A motion was made by Matt Pilch to execute this agreement with Creditech, seconded by John Quinn, and passed by 4 yes. Rick Kratz voted “no” on the motion.

A motion was made by John Quinn for a resolution to pay Creditech an 18% commission on all accounts assigned to them for collection and pay a 50% commission and court costs on any account administered by an attorney in legal collection proceedings, seconded by Matt Pilch, and passed by 4 yes. Rick Kratz voted “no” on the motion.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made to hire two summer Borough workers for \$9.00/hr. by John Quinn, seconded by Matt Pilch, and passed by 5 yes.

A motion to repair a broken ride in the playground at a cost of \$215.00 was made by John Quinn, seconded by Rick Kratz, and passed by 5 yes.

There was a discussion to sell the red dump truck, and a recently repaired roller. This issue was tabled until the next Work Session.

A motion was made to pay Steve Gola \$25.00 for the recently repaired roller by Luke Matthews, seconded by Matt Pilch, and passed by 5 yes.

ATTORNEY AREGOOD'S REPORT: Attorney Aregood stated that the Keith Urbanski lawsuit against the Borough has been resolved. Attorney Aregood also stated that there has been no further progress in the Deborah Shannon lawsuit against the Borough.

POLICE REPORT: The Hanover Township Police report for 03/2019 was read by the Mayor. There were 8 calls during the month. All calls for service expended 4.7 man-hours. Total hours do not include time spent on routine patrol of the Borough. Special aggressive driving enforcement details will continue until the end of April.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Paperwork for the LSA Grant should arrive in the next two weeks to finalize purchase of the trucks that qualified for the LSA Grant. There were many hours spent by Borough officials in obtaining these grants.

The Mayor encouraged the many residents who were in attendance at the meeting, to receive correct information about Borough issues by continuing to attend council meetings on a regular basis. If this is not possible, contact the Borough directly for answers on Borough issues.

The Mayor stated that he and the Code Enforcement Officer, Greg Gulick, have addressed 10 residents in the last two weeks concerning code violations. The Mayor suggested that the fine for code violations be raised from the current level of \$300.00 to encourage violators to correct the violation, instead of just paying the fine.

The Mayor suggested that with summer activities approaching, the Borough could install security cameras in areas of concern to prevent vandalism or other potentially harmful activity to Borough residents. The cameras could be set up so they could be monitored by the police. A motion was made by Luke Matthews for the Borough to get information on the purchase of security cameras for up to \$2,000.00, seconded by Rick Kratz, and passed by 5 yes.

A motion to accept Attorney Aregood's, the Police and Mayor's reports was made by Luke Matthews, seconded by John Quinn, and passed by 5 yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were many Borough residents in attendance at this council meeting. Many general comments were made by residents regarding issues in the Borough.

The following is a list of specific comments attributed to individual Borough residents:

- Linda Trevethan reminded council of the ongoing pothole problems on Beaumont and Hanover Streets.
- Sean Levandoski cautioned Borough residents to be sure that their children know how to deal with strangers and to travel with friends, rather than alone.
- Dolores Mynes stated that the Borough should be aware of the Creditech sewer O&M collection process with regard to the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority (WVSA).
- Brian Gasper requested Borough ordinances that may effect his property be made available to him.
- Margo Houston requested a copy of the Borough's "Dog Ordinance."
- Mary Croop requested that no Borough information be posted on Facebook because of the many inaccuracies that were posted on Facebook in the past.

Council informed Borough residents of the upcoming improvement projects for Jones Street, funded by the Department of Community and Economic Development.

A motion to adjourn was made by Matt Pilch, seconded by John Quinn, and passed by 5 yes.