

Minutes of the Warrior Run Borough
Council Meeting
August 10, 2020

The Warrior Run Council Meeting of 08/10/2020 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, Sharon Wengren, and Matt Pilch. John Quinn was absent. Attorney Patrick Aregood, Mayor Tom Shypulefski, and Secretary/Treasurer Tom Kneidinger were present.

A motion to accept the Minutes of the previous council meeting was made by Sharon Wengren, seconded by Matt Pilch, and passed by 4 yes. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Rick Kratz, seconded by Matt Pilch, and passed by 4 yes.

COMMUNICATIONS: The Borough's Highway Aid for 2018 and 2019 were audited on 07/15/2020 by an auditor from the Auditor's General's Office at the Borough building. Tom Kneidinger provided council with a copy of the examination engagement letter for the audit, which included the exit conference that shows the results of the audit. Tom Kneidinger informed council that Auditor Eileen Rosen had no findings, and no adjustments to Borough records were required.

Larry Carbohn informed council that the Borough has received a check for \$3,061.06 from the Hanover Area School District, for one-half reimbursement for the Borough's school crossing guards' wages for 2019-2020.

Larry Carbohn read from a memo dated 08/04/2020 from the Luzerne County Recycling Office, which stated there will be no fall tire collections for 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tom Shypulefski read from a memo dated 07/30/2020 from Luzerne County's Manager, David Pedri.

The memo stated that Warrior Run has been allocated \$9,957.00 to defray the costs of unanticipated COVID expenses, including but not limited to, purchase of PPE, implementation of disinfectants, strategies, and social distancing safety signs. Any eligible cost incurred after 03/01/2020 may be considered for reimbursement. All funds must be expended no later than 12/30/2020.

OLD BUSINESS: A motion was made by Rick Kratz to pay Joe Ferraro for the 07/2020 monthly pump station inspections for \$320.00, and the additional work for the installation of a replacement pump that is under warranty for \$440.00, seconded by Sharon Wengren, and passed by 4 yes. The total cost of \$760.00 is to be paid out of the sewer fund.

A motion was made by Rick Kratz for the annual transfer of \$65,000 from the M&T bank sewer collections account to the sewer fund and the Pennvest account, seconded by Sharon Wengren, and passed by 4 yes. \$20,000 will be transferred to the sewer account, and \$45,000 will be transferred to the Pennvest account.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Rick Kratz to increase the hourly wage rates for Borough employees, James McCabe and Sean Burrige, from \$10.00/hr. to \$10.50/hr., seconded by Matt Pilch, and passed by 4 yes.

A motion was made by Sharon Wengren to pay Valley Power Equipment \$414.15 for work completed on the pole chainsaw, seconded by Matt Pilch, and passed by 3 yes. Rick Kratz voted “no” on the motion.

A motion was made by Matt Pilch and seconded by Rick Kratz to discuss the proposed Truck Ordinance for the Borough.

Attorney Aregood informed council of the Pennsylvania Code that would govern this type of ordinance. Copies of the specific codes that Attorney Aregood referred to in the meeting were provided to members of council, after the meeting.

In conjunction with this discussion, a Borough resident, Tracy McCarthy was concerned about restrictions of her husband’s commercial vehicle travel on Borough streets. Larry Carbohn and other council members informed Mrs. McCarthy that the ordinance that is planned by the Borough would not restrict travel of her husband’s commercial vehicle on Borough streets.

Rick Kratz was concerned if according to Pennsylvania Code, the Borough would be able to restrict the weight and size of vehicles that can travel in the Borough. Attorney Aregood informed council that paragraphs §4902 (A) and (B) should allow for this type of restriction.

ATTORNEY PATRICK AREGOOD'S REPORT: Attorney Aregood stated he had done research on the Pennsylvania Borough Traffic Codes previously discussed in conjunction with the Borough's proposed truck ordinance. He has also been available on several occasions to Mayor Tom Shypulefski to discuss other issues in the Borough.

POLICE REPORT: The Mayor read the Hanover Township Police report for the month of 07/2020. For 07/2020, there were 13 calls for service during the month. All calls for service expended 6.5 man hours. Total hours do not include time spent on routine patrol of the Borough.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor read the following report:

1. Contacted Harrisburg office, informed at their July meeting, the CFO deferred voting on LSA Grants until a future meeting. Harrisburg's number one priority is COVID-19. They will keep me posted. Details on LSA grants uncertain at this time. They will keep me informed.
2. Thank you to our Solicitor, Pat Aregood, who has always been available to help out with multiple problems within the Borough. He is a great asset to our Borough, and always has our best interest in his agenda.
3. Thank you to Chief Walker and the Hanover Township Police Department. One of the many benefits of procuring their services, is the use of knowledge and equipment. They have placed a speed minder on Hanover Street on my request to control speeding violations. This device will monitor average speeds and help them determine patrols. This device is shared with Hanover Township and will be moved around during the year. Chief Walker stated that residents need to call 911 to report suspicious activity in the Borough to log police activity and patrol logs.
4. I find it hard to understand that residents have 15-20 minutes to respond with Facebook comments, however, all it takes is 2-3 minutes to report an illegal activity in the Borough. Please pass this forward.

5. Hanover Area will start school online, 08/31/2020, classes tentatively scheduled to start 10/01/2020, depending on COVID-19 status. I confirmed with our crossing guards, they are healthy and ready to start on this date.
6. In process of reorganizing ordinances and records in office. Current binders were unorganized, outdated and busted. We need to proceed in a professional and organized system with our record keeping.
7. I will keep repeating this message until a vaccine is available. We should be prepared for future shutdowns due to second wave of virus. Planning is essential, as we navigate uncharted grounds. Supplies should be readily available as needed. Check your inventory.
8. With this being known and future council meetings possibly being affected, I suggest we start preparing for next year's budget. Health projections indicate shutdowns in November and December. Let's be proactive and save time and money when possible.

A motion was made by Rick Kratz to accept Attorney Aregood's, the Police, and the Mayor's reports, seconded by Matt Pilch, and passed by 4 yes.

PUBLIC AND FINAL COMMENTS: Larry Carbohn and Rick Kratz had a discussion regarding the potential hourly rate increase for employees involved in snow removal. Larry Carbohn recommended that the rate be increased from \$16.00/hr. to \$18.00/hr. Mayor Tom Shypulefski was in agreement with this matter.

Larry Carbohn stated that the 2007 white GMC truck has a broken brake line, which needs to be repaired next week.

A motion was made to adjourn by Rick Kratz, seconded by Sharon Wengren, and passed by 4 yes.