

WARRIOR RUN BOROUGH

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Council Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2025

Notice: The Council President alerted everyone this meeting will be electronically recorded.

Meeting Called to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval / Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approval / Treasurer Report from Previous Month

Communications

Public Comment on Tonight's Agenda

3rd and Final Reading /Ordinance 01-2025 By Attorney Patrick Aregood
and Approve Ordinance 01-2025

Old Business

New Business

Attorney Aregood Report

Police Report

Mayor's Report

Public Comment

Final Comment

Adjournment

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Notice: The Council President alerted everyone this meeting will be electronically recorded and inquired if anyone else was recording.

Councilman Kratz stated he was recording the meeting.

Attorney Aregood reiterated Warrior Run Borough Ordinance 4 of 2022 states anyone who is recording the meeting must announce they are recording the meeting and must not conceal they are recording the meeting. The meeting is the only part that is to be recorded; comments or private conversations by members of the audience are not to be recorded.

| Roll Call | Present | Not Present |
|-----------|---------|-------------|
|-----------|---------|-------------|

Council Members:

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|-------|
| John Quinn, President | <u> X </u> | _____ |
| Sandy Wegrzynowicz, Vice-President | <u> X </u> | _____ |
| Richard Kratz | <u> X </u> | _____ |
| Matt Pilch | <u> X </u> | _____ |
| Larry Carbohn | <u> X </u> | _____ |

Other Attendees:

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-------|
| Solicitor, Attorney Patrick Aregood | <u> X </u> | _____ |
| Mayor, Tom Shypulefski | <u> X </u> | _____ |
| Secretary, Donna Tudgay | <u> X </u> | _____ |

A motion to approve July 14, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes.

1st motion made by: MP

2nd motion made by LC

| | Yes | No | Abstain |
|-----------------|----------|-------|---------|
| S. Wegrzynowicz | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| R. Kratz | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| M. Pilch | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| L. Carbohn | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| J. Quinn | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |

Motion passed X

Motion failed _____

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report from July 1, 2025, through July 31, 2025.

1st motion made by: MP

2nd motion made by LC

| | Yes | No | Abstain |
|-----------------|----------|-------|---------|
| S. Wegrzynowicz | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| R. Kratz | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| M. Pilch | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| L. Carbohn | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| J. Quinn | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |

Motion passed X

Motion failed _____

Communications

Resident Ms. Helen Miller, Beaumont Street, passed away August 1, 2025.

On 07/16/2025, Warrior Run Borough received a notice from Entech Engineering on behalf of Wren Kitchens (Hanover Street Facility), regarding intent to submit an initial application, for a general stormwater permit, to the Pennsylvania of Environmental Protection (PADEP) (see next page):



July 16, 2025

Entech Project No. 3387.012
Certified Mail No. 7014 2870 0001 7640 7754

Warrior Run Borough Council
496 Front Street
Warrior Run, PA 18706

**Re: NPDES PAG-03 Stormwater General Permit Application
Wren Kitchens – 1055 Hanover Street Facility
Hanover Township, Sugar Notch Borough, Warrior Run Borough,
Luzerne County, Pennsylvania**

Dear Borough Council:

The purpose of this notice is to inform you of intent to submit an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) for the following:

Permit Application Type: NPDES PAG-03 Stormwater General Permit
Application Contact: Ms. Patrycja Szczegielniak, (570) 899-8030
Project Location: Wren Kitchens
1055 Hanover Street, Sugar Notch, PA 18706
Project Description: Initial Application for an NPDES PAG-03 Stormwater
General Permit
PADEP Contact Info: Northeast Regional Office, Clean Water Program
2 Public Square, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701

Section 1905-A of the Commonwealth Administrative Code, as amended by Act 14, requires that each applicant for a PADEP permit must give written notice to the municipality and the county in which the permitted activity is located. The written notices shall be received by the municipality and county at least 30 days before the Department may issue or deny the permit.

Acts 67, 68, and 127, which amended the Municipalities Planning Code (MPC), direct state agencies to consider comprehensive plans and zoning ordinances when reviewing applications for permitting of facilities or infrastructure, and specify that state agencies may rely upon comprehensive plans and zoning ordinances under certain conditions as described in Sections 619.2 and 1105 of the MPC.

Enclosed is a General Information Form (GIF) completed for this project. Please review the enclosed GIF with regard to land use aspects of this project. If you wish to submit comments for a land use review of this project, you must respond within 30 days to PADEP Northeast Regional Office, 2 Public Square, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701. If there are no land

use comments received by the end of the comment period, PADEP will assume that there are no substantive land use conflicts and proceed with the normal application review process.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Josef R. Posch
Project Manager

cc: Ms. Patrycja Szczegielniak – Wren Kitchens

Enclosure

Public Comment on Tonight’s Agenda - None

3rd and Final Reading of Ordinance 01-2025 by Attorney Patrick Aregood

Motion to Approve Ordinance 01-2025

1st motion made by: LC

2nd motion made by: _____

| | Yes | No | Abstain |
|-----------------|-------|-------|---------|
| S. Wegrzynowicz | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| R. Kratz | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| M. Pilch | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| L. Carbohn | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| J. Quinn | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Motion passed _____

Motion failed _____

The motion died for lack of a second.

Old Business

On 07/31/2025, EMC Insurance notified Warrior Run Borough a new claims adjuster has been reassigned for further handling of the Herbert Wootton civil case (DOL 03/14/2016). Attorney Aregood stated this is standard with insurance carriers; as case managers move on, another individual is appointed and brought up to speed on the case details and circumstances.

On 08/08/2025, Warrior Run Borough received a Form of Agreement from PennEastern Engineers, LLC, from RLE Enterprises, in the amount of \$173,453.00, to complete the work associated with the 2025 Community Development Program, Chestnut Street Road and Storm Sewer Improvement, Phase II.

New Business

1. A motion to approve payment, in the amount of \$8,995.00 to PennEastern Engineers, LLC, for professional services rendered for the 2024 CDBG Chestnut Street Project / Phase 2, to be paid from the General Fund. The invoice will be submitted for reimbursement to the Luzerne County Office of Community Development, who has oversight of this project.

1st motion made by: LC

2nd motion made by: SW

| | Yes | No | Abstain |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| S. Wegrzynowicz | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| R. Kratz | <u> </u> | <u> </u> | <u>X</u> |
| M. Pilch | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| L. Carbohn | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| J. Quinn | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

Motion passed X

Motion failed

2. A motion to approve payment, in the amount of \$6,500.00 to PennEastern Engineers, LLC, for professional services rendered for the 2024 CDBG Chestnut Street Project / Phase 2, to be paid from the General Fund. The invoice will be submitted for reimbursement to the Luzerne County Office of Community Development, who has oversight of this project.

1st motion made by: SW

2nd motion made by: LC

| | Yes | No | Abstain |
|-----------------|----------|---------------|---------------|
| S. Wegrzynowicz | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| R. Kratz | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| M. Pilch | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| L. Carbohn | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| J. Quinn | <u>X</u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

Motion passed X

Motion failed

3. A motion to approve G & R Consulting to submit the 2026 LSA Grant, for the Upper Beaumont Street Project (road improvement/paving), for a fee of \$700.00, to be paid from the General Fund.

1st motion made by: LC

2nd motion made by: MP

| | Yes | No | Abstain |
|-----------------|----------|-------|---------|
| S. Wegrzynowicz | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| R. Kratz | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| M. Pilch | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| L. Carbohn | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| J. Quinn | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |

Motion passed X

Motion failed _____

4. A motion to ratify payment, in the amount of \$916.72 to Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority (WVSA), for billing for the 1st Q 2025 Warrior Run Borough O & M Account, to be paid from the Sewer Fund.

1st motion made by: SW

2nd motion made by: LC

| | Yes | No | Abstain |
|-----------------|----------|-------|---------|
| S. Wegrzynowicz | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| R. Kratz | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| M. Pilch | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| L. Carbohn | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| J. Quinn | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |

Motion passed X

Motion failed _____

- 5. A motion to approve transfer of sewer funds in the amount of \$40,000.00, from M&T Bank Warrior Run O & M Sewer Account to the PNC Bank PennVest Repayment Account.

1st motion made by: LC

2nd motion made by: RK

| | Yes | No | Abstain |
|-----------------|----------|-------|---------|
| S. Wegrzynowicz | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| R. Kratz | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| M. Pilch | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| L. Carbohn | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| J. Quinn | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |

Motion passed X

Motion failed _____

Attorney Aregood Report

The past month was spent on the proposed ordinance that was spoken earlier. The Borough received one WWSA lien satisfaction. Communication was provided to the Secretary regarding two right-to-know requests received by the Borough this past month.

Police Report - Month of July 2025 - Report on file

Mayor Report

A handful of citations were sent to residents for property maintenance and delinquent refuse payments. Also, letters were sent out to three residents for pool violations per zoning. Awaiting scheduling with the Magistrate’s office.

On a personal note, a heartfelt thank you to our Borough Secretary, Donna Tudgay, for her devotion to her position. Donna has been a great asset to Warrior Run and should be recognized for all her effort. Contrary to belief, Warrior Run Borough is a business and government entity and is held accountable to process regulations, forms, invoices, and filings. Per state requirements, this all is done electronically. We file the same paperwork as neighboring communities.

Condolences to the Miller family. Helen Miller, age 98, passed away August 1. Helen was one of our distinguished residents that cared deeply about Warrior Run. She was the oldest living resident living in the Borough. She will be sadly missed.

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

1st motion made by: MP

2nd motion made by: SW

| | Yes | No | Abstain |
|-----------------|----------|-------|---------|
| S. Wegrzynowicz | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| R. Kratz | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| M. Pilch | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| L. Carbohn | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |
| J. Quinn | <u>X</u> | _____ | _____ |

Motion passed X

Motion failed _____

Final Comment

Councilman Kratz inquired on the status of the fire truck

CR: This will be discussed at a work session.

Councilman Kratz inquired on the status of hiring someone for the street department

CR: This is currently being worked on.

Councilman Carbohn stated he is still waiting for Councilman Kratz’s resignation, for the five meetings and five work sessions he missed within a year a half; try this at a regular job you would be terminated. The taxpaying residents paid his salary while he wasn’t even in town doing anything for Warrior Run Borough.

Council President Quinn stated residents may not be aware members of council are paid whether they attend a meeting or not; this is not right.

Public Comment

Resident Theresa Shypulefski stated the amount of money that was being asked for with the proposed ordinance, was a 1993 rate. The request was for a rate established back in 1993, which was set by the government. Larry and John Mayor address a lot of things for this Borough and Tom defends the Borough without compensation. It's hard to believe people are in an uproar over \$200.00; it's ridiculous. Do your own investigation, call Harrisburg; find out what council members should have been getting paid since 1993. The amount of money that was being requested is not even the maximum. People need to understand, the request to increase the money is for upcoming individuals who will be elected, not the current council – for the future council.

Resident S. Gavlick states his house is on Brislin Street, and it is one of the only streets in the town without a storm drain. He is constantly replacing gravel in front of his house due to it being washed away. He is inquiring if there is any way there could be a storm drain halfway; he noticed there are some streets with 3-4 storm drains – this street has none. Or is it possible to place something that will help divert the water out onto the road (some type of culvert); a few years ago, he spoke to council about a drain. He requested someone from council to come to see what he is talking about. Because of the pitch of the road, he suggested a roadside swale may be the best solution for this issue; he is tired of replacing gravel. He is aware of the cost of all the things discussed but would appreciate trying to get something in motion.

Resident J. Gordon had two inquiries. First inquiry was what is the date of the magistrate hearing for the garage next door to him. The Mayor stated the garage owner appealed the other two verdicts, it will now proceed to Luzerne County and we are waiting for the date from Luzerne County. The second inquiry was asking what the chance is of making Front Street a one-way street; he recently experienced a tractor trailer tearing the cable right off his home. Council members stated this would be a very difficult thing to do; Front Street is a main thoroughfare, and it is also part of Hanover Township, they would have to agree with doing something like this. Councilman Pilch stated he spoke with the police chief who indicated they are working on getting better signage to deter truck traffic.

Resident D. Mynes was inquiring on the status of her record request involving PennVest information recorded on the DCED Annual Audit Report. The secretary stated she is working with PennVest to ensure information the Borough has is correct prior to contacting the auditor. Ms. Mynes stated it appears this error has been recurring for several years and would like to understand why it is occurring.

Resident D. Tudgay addressed the council regarding social media use. She has a growing concern regarding the use of personal social media accounts by some elected officials for what appears to be official municipal communications. While the effort to engage the community is appreciated, using personal social media pages to discuss municipal issues raises several important questions and potential legal liabilities for the municipality. The lines between personal and official use are becoming increasingly blurred. One concern is the potential for First Amendment violations if individuals are blocked or comments are deleted from the pages based on their viewpoint. It is crucial residents can engage in public communication without fear of censorship, regardless of whether a page is technically designated as “official or not”. Another concern is public record retention and compliance with Right-to-Know Law. If municipal business is being conducted on personal accounts, communications could be considered public records and the municipality would have an obligation to retain them. Ms. Tudgay is strongly urging the Council to adopt a comprehensive social media policy, to ensure transparency, protect the rights of citizens and to minimize potential legal risks for the Borough. The policy should address:

- 1) Clear distinction between official municipal social media accounts and personal accounts of elected officials;
- 2) Guidelines for appropriate content and interaction on both office and personal accounts;
- 3) Procedure for responding to public comments and moderating content on official platforms, adhering to First Amendment laws; and
- 4) Implications of using personal accounts for municipal business and the potential public record status of those communications.

By establishing such a policy, hopefully the municipality can effectively leverage the benefits of social media while mitigating associated risks. Thank you for your time and consideration of this important matter.

Motion to adjourn

1st motion made by: RK

2nd motion made by: SW

| | Yes | No | Abstain |
|-----------------|------------|----------|----------|
| S. Wegrzynowicz | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| R. Kratz | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| M. Pilch | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| L. Carbohn | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |
| J. Quinn | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> | <u> </u> |

Motion passed X

Motion failed

Donna Tudgay, Secretary
Submitted: 08/11/2025