

WARRIOR RUN BOROUGH

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Council Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2025

Notice: 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

James Davis, DGK Insurance

Presentation of Quilts of Valor / Fran Moriarty and Ellen Price

Communications

Public Comment on Tonight's Agenda

3rd Reading of the 2026 Budget

Old Business

New Business

Attorney Aregood Report

Police Report

Mayor's Report

Public Comment

Final Comment

Adjournment

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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 November 10, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes.

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 _____

A motion to approve the Treasurer’s report from November 1, 2025, through November 30, 2025.

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

James Davis, DGK Insurance

James Davis, DGK Insurance, is not in attendance at tonight’s meeting. He will be attending the January 2026 Council meeting.

Communications

Warrior Run Borough and residents received a notification from the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority (WVSA) regarding an increase in sewage treatment rates, effective January 1, 2026, and an increase for a period of five years through January 1, 2030. Below is an excerpt from the letter reflecting the new fees and calendar year for increases:

The new sewage treatment rates are as follows:

2026 the sewage treatment rate will be \$65.00 per quarter

Message to Customers on 1st Quarter Bill:

Residential customers can pre-pay for the year during the first quarter and receive a 2% discount. The 2% discount is available for each year of this notification.

2027 the sewage treatment rate will be \$71.25 per quarter

2028 the sewage treatment rate will be \$77.50 per quarter

2029 the sewage treatment rate will be \$83.75 per quarter

2030 the sewage treatment rate will be \$90.00 per quarter

Warrior Run Borough and residents received a notification from Pennsylvania American Water of a Notice of Proposed Water Rate Changes, effective January 13, 2026, with a possible delay of the increase until August 2026. Below is an excerpt from the notice reflecting the proposed new fees:

If the entire rate request is approved as filed, the typical water bill for:

- Residential customers using 3,263 gallons a month would increase from \$81.55 to \$95.27 per month.
- Commercial customers using 20,802 gallons a month would increase from \$379.78 to \$445.61 per month.
- Industrial customers using 647,754 gallons a month would increase from \$8,639.78 to \$9,759.49 per month.

Warrior Run Borough experienced a 12.8% increase in the PA American Water bill, from August 2024 through August 2025, for fire hydrants.

Effective December 1, 2025, UGI is implementing a rate increase for natural gas customers. The average monthly bill will increase approximately 1.1%.

On 11/19/2025, Warrior Run Borough was notified the LSA Grant for Upper Beaumont has been moved onto the next step in the review process; recipients of the grant award(s) are anticipated to be announced in March 2026.

Warrior Run Borough received a Notice of Payment, from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) in the amount of \$424.53, in lieu of taxes for 141.51 acres located in Warrior Run Borough.

Warrior Run Borough received a Notice of Payment, from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation in the amount of \$108.98, for State Police Fines and Penalties paid in the second half of 2025.

Public Comment on Tonight's Agenda - None

3rd Reading of the 2026 Budget

Councilman Kratz clarified the legal contingency line item and line of credit line item were both removed from the budget and taxes are not being raised; Council President indicated this is correct. One other item in question was the line item for \$8,000 in drains (last year was \$2,000; 2nd reading of budget it was \$10,000; 3rd reading is \$8,000). The Mayor stated it was revised to balance the budget.

Councilman Kratz inquired why were taxes going to be raised to begin with, what was the thought process behind it. Per Attorney Aregood explained it is a balanced budget, revenue must meet expense. The expenses that were purposed, that were thought to be there, the revenue must be there to meet them. The revenue of 3.8 mills did not match the expenses. This was the reason for the proposed increase. The expenses have been cut; therefore, the revenue can go down. This is why it is back at the 3.8 mills; it's a balanced budget. Councilman Kratz stated that's the budget, it has nothing to do with the taxes being increased or decreased. We have over \$200,000; raising taxes should not have ever been in the conversation to raise taxes; this had nothing to do with the budget at all. Somebody tried to sneak something by and got caught doing it. Council President interjected and stated Councilman Kratz was totally wrong, that is not what happened. Councilman Pilch stated its not happening and it wasn't going to happen. Council President stated we were \$14,000 short of what we were anticipating needing in the coming year and cuts were made. The street department budget was cut even more. Councilman Kratz questioned the \$10,000 for storm drains which is not needed; Council President explained there are two that need work and are in danger of collapsing. Councilman Kratz stated with community development/LSA grants why aren't they being used for the drains; Council President asked Council Kratz would he rather use a \$100,000 grant for a road and instead waste it on two storm drains. Councilman Kratz reiterated taxes aren't going up; his job is done. Councilman Kratz stated the secretary should be doing the budget (knows what comes in and what goes out), then it goes to council to discuss and approve and then it goes to the Mayor to veto or approve it. Councilman Kratz asked what is going on with the special meeting scheduled for 12/18/2025; Attorney Aregood stated it is the meeting to approve the budget; the budget needs to be approved by Council. This is the 3rd reading of the budget, it needs to be voted on the 18th. This is when it will be adopted, if it is adopted.

Old Business - None

New Business

1. A motion to ratify payment, to S.J. Pulver Truck Shoppe for Boss plow parts (cutting edge and bolts) in the amount of \$205.00, to be paid from the General Fund.

1st motion made by: MP

S. Wegrzynowicz

R. Kratz

M. Pilch

L. Carbohn

J. Quinn

Motion passed X

2nd motion made by: SW

Yes	No	Abstain
<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>

Motion failed

2. A motion to ratify payment, to Modern Gas Sales Inc. for propane gas delivery for the Maintenance Building in the amount of \$287.52, to be paid from the General Fund.

1st motion made by: LC

S. Wegrzynowicz

R. Kratz

M. Pilch

L. Carbohn

J. Quinn

Motion passed X

2nd motion made by: MP

Yes	No	Abstain
<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion failed

3. A motion to ratify payment, to Pumping Solutions of Wilkes-Barre for additional maintenance performed at the Hanover Street Pump Station in the month of November 2025, in the amount of \$275.00 to be paid from the Sewer Fund.

1st motion made by: LC

2nd motion made by: MP

	Yes	No	Abstain
S. Wegrzynowicz	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
R. Kratz	<u> </u>	<u>X</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

4. A motion to approve advertisements, for the budget, meeting schedule, and tax notices in the local newspapers, to be paid from the General Fund.

1st motion made by: MP

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

5. A motion to approve Snyder & Clemente Accountants/Consultants, to perform the Warrior Run Borough Audit for calendar year 2025, in the amount of \$8,500.00, 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 _____

6. A motion to approve advertising, for the vacant council seat, to be paid from the General Fund.

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 _____

Attorney Aregood Report

This past week, there were two hearings at the courthouse for Mr. Wootton and Mr. Thiemann; both were dismissed. Work was done on the budget and advertisements for the Borough. Preparation was done for the deposition scheduled for tomorrow on the Herbert Wootton case, which will occur in Scranton at 10 AM, expecting adjournment around 4:00 PM.

Police Report - Month of October 2025 - Report on file

Mayor Report

I would like to thank Service Electric, Larry Carbohn, John Quinn, and Matt Pilch for their assistance in displaying the annual Christmas Lights. The Borough has received positive compliments on our lights. It displays a sense of great community spirit.

Many thanks to Teddy Linkievich, Larry Carbohn, and John Quinn for their combined effort in snow removal during our recent snowstorm. I received several compliments about the plowing that occurred. Kudos to our snowplow team.

A scheduled meeting will be held December 18, at 6 P.M. to vote on our budget and standard tax rates. These are the only items to be addressed. The reorganization meeting is scheduled for January 5 at 7 P.M. The 2026 meeting schedule is posted on the inside and outside bulletin board for viewing.

On behalf of my wife Theresa and I, we wish all the residents of Warrior Run Borough a Merry Christmas and a very blessed holiday season. May the New Year be filled with prosperity and good fortune for all.

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

1st motion made by: MP

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 _____

Final Comment

Letters were sent to Warrior Run Borough property owners/residents, the first week of December 2025, as a reminder of the refuse fee for the 2026 calendar year is \$310.00; payment is due, in full, by March 31, 2026.

- Payments are to be made by check or money order, payable to Warrior Run Borough Refuse Fund. No cash payments will be accepted.
- Payments made after the due date will carry a \$50.00 penalty: in addition to the \$310.00 fee. Payments made after April 15, 2026, are subject to magisterial proceedings for collection.
- Payment through mail must include a self-addressed stamped envelope, if a paper receipt of payment is requested. In addition, there is a secured/locked mailbox attached to the Borough Building for your payment convenience (the box is checked daily).

Councilman Kratz inquired on the outcome of the expert with the Wootton property. Attorney Aregood stated the expert walked the property with Attorney Greco and Mr. Wootton. Mr. Wootton allowed both parties on his property, showed them around on the property and pointed out areas where he thought there was damage(s). The expert made his notations and they adjourned without any further comment. This will be addressed at the deposition scheduled tomorrow. It was stated by Mr. Wootton during a conversation with Attorney

Aregood that he thought he had offered a universal solution to the matter, what it is, Attorney Aregood does not know. Hopefully there will be definition of this solution found out at tomorrow's meeting. This will be presented to council in January 2026.

Councilman Wegrzynowicz addressed the Council and thanked everyone she has served with over the past 14 years as Council member. She expressed her gratitude for the experience and the opportunity to serve her community. Councilman Wegrzynowicz commended the dedication of the members she served with and stated it was an honor and privilege to work with everyone. She wishes the Council continued success in serving our community and wishes everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Hannukah and a Happy New Year. Councilman Kratz stated Councilman Wegrzynowicz brought integrity and class to the council and thanked her for her service.

Council President addressed a social media posting, from a fellow councilman, stating he, the Mayor and another councilman tried to sneak a tax raise behind people's backs. The only thing the Council President had to do with the budget was suggest several cuts; people can believe what you want. This budget was not put together behind the council's back. Councilman Carbohn stated the social media statement indicated there was a Sunshine Act violation; there was no violation of the Sunshine Act by anyone on Council.

Presentation of Quilt of Valor / Fran Moriarty and Mary Ellen Price

Fran Moriarty and Mary Ellen Price presented a Quilt of Valor to the Warrior Run Borough, on behalf of her father, Mr. Thomas Price. The Quilt of Valor serves as a thank-you award to Service Members and Veterans, for service and sacrifice, covering those emotionally or physically impacted by their military experience, from WWII to modern conflicts. After Mr. Price's passing, the Price family contacted Mrs. Moriarty to inquire if it would be possible for the family to rededicate the quilt in his memory.

Mayor Shypulefski accepted the Quilt of Valor, a generous and thoughtful honor by the Price family, on behalf of Mr. Thomas J. Price Sr., a lifelong resident of Warrior Run Borough. Mrs. Moriarty read a very touching biography that was

read at the time the Quilt of Valor was presented to Mr. Price. Pictures were taken and refreshments were provided by the Price family for everyone to enjoy. Mrs. Moriarty stated if anyone is a veteran or knows a veteran who would be honored to receive this award, please contact the Quilts of Valor Foundation at <https://www.qovf.org> for more information.

Public Comment

Resident Chris Brelefski stated he is still available for snow plowing if needed.

Mayor Shypulefski stated it was nice to see people come to the meeting.

Motion to adjourn

1st motion made by: RK

2nd motion made by: MP

	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: 12/08/2025