

# **WARRIOR RUN BOROUGH**

**496 Front Street**

**Warrior Run, Pennsylvania 18706**

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## **Council Meeting Minutes**

**December 9, 2024**

Meeting Called to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval / Minutes of Previous Meeting  
Approval/Minutes of October 15, 2024, Meeting

Communications

Public Comment on Tonight's Agenda

3<sup>rd</sup> and Final Reading and Motion to Approve 2025 Budget  
Reading and Approval of 2025 Tax Ordinances by Attorney Patrick Aregood

Old Business

New Business

Attorney Patrick Aregood Report

Police Report

Mayor's Report

Final Comment

Public Comment

Adjournment

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## Council Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2024

Roll Call	Present	Not Present
<b>Council Members:</b>		
John Quinn, President	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
Sandy Wegrzynowicz, Vice-President	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
Richard Kratz	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
Matt Pilch	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
Larry Carbohn	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
<b>Other Attendees:</b>		
Mayor, Tom Shypulefski	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
Solicitor, Attorney Patrick Aregood	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
Secretary, Donna Tudgay	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>

A motion to approve November 12, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes.

1<sup>st</sup> motion made by:   LC  

2<sup>nd</sup> 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

A motion to approve October 15, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes.

1<sup>st</sup> motion made by: LC

2<sup>nd</sup> 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       

A motion to approve the Treasurer’s report from November 1, 2024, through November 30, 2024.

1<sup>st</sup> motion made by: MP

2<sup>nd</sup> 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       

## Communications

Warrior Run Borough received a Notice of Payment State Police Fines and Penalties, was paid in the amount of \$96.60, for the first half of 2024.

Warrior Run Borough Borough Council was notified the repaired pump is on the shelf, per Joe Ferraro of Pumping Solutions of Wilkes-Barre.

## Public Comment on Tonight’s Agenda – None

### 3<sup>rd</sup> and Final Reading of the 2025 Budget

#### Motion to Approve and Accept 2025 Budget

1<sup>st</sup> motion made by: MP

2<sup>nd</sup> 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       

### Reading of 2025 Tax Ordinances by Attorney Aregood Approval of 2025 Tax Ordinances by Warrior Run Borough Council

Tax Ordinance 2024-01, Tax Ordinance 2024-02, Tax Ordinance 2024-03, Tax Ordinance 2024-04, and Tax Ordinance 2024-05

TAX ORDINANCE 2024-01

WARRIOR RUN BOROUGH ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WARRIOR RUN, COUNTY OF LUZERNE, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FIXING THE TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025.

NOW, it is hereby ORDAINED and ENACTED by the Borough of WARRIOR RUN, County of Luzerne, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; that:

SECTION 1: A tax be and the same is hereby levied on all property within the Borough of WARRIOR RUN subject to taxation for the Borough purposes for the fiscal year 2025 as follows:

GENERAL PURPOSES: Three and Eight tenths (3.8) Mills on each Dollar of assessed valuation.

Making a total tax rate for all Borough purpose of three and eight tenths (3.8) Mills.

SECTION II: Any Ordinance, or part of an Ordinance conflicting with this Ordinance be the same are hereby repealed in-so-far as the same affects this Ordinance.

ORDAINED and ENACTED by the Borough Council of the Borough of WARRIOR RUN, this \_\_\_\_\_ Day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

WARRIOR RUN BOROUGH

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
John Quinn President

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Donna Tudgay, Secretary

Passed and adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of December, 2024

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tom Shypulefski, Mayor

1<sup>st</sup> motion made by: LC

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_

WARRIOR RUN BOROUGH ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WARRIOR RUN, COUNTY OF LUZERNE, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ENACTING ITS EARNED INCOME TAX ORDINANCE, TO PROVIDE REVENUE BY IMPOSING A TAX OF ONE (1%) PERCENT ON EARNED INCOME TAX RECEIVED AND ON NET PROFIT EARNED (a) BY PERSONS WORKING IN WARRIOR RUN BOROUGH, AND (b) BY PERSONS WHO ARE RESIDENTS OF WARRIOR RUN BOROUGH FOR 2025

NOW, it is hereby ORDAINED and ENACTED by the Borough of WARRIOR RUN, County of Luzerne, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, that:

SECTION 1: The BOROUGH OF WARRIOR RUN, County of Luzerne and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, imposes a tax of one (1%) percent levied on earned income received and on net profits earned (a) by persons working within WARRIOR RUN BOROUGH, and (b) by persons who are residents of WARRIOR RUN BOROUGH.

SECTION II: Any Ordinance, or part of an Ordinance conflicting with this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed in-so-far as the same affects this Ordinance.

ORDAINED and ENACTED by the Borough Council of the Borough of WARRIOR RUN this \_\_\_\_\_ day of December, 2024.

WARRIOR RUN BOROUGH

By \_\_\_\_\_  
John Quinn, President

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Donna Tudgay, Secretary

Passed and adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of December, 2024

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tom Shypulefski, Mayor

1<sup>st</sup> motion made by: MP

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_

TAX ORDINANCE 2024-03

WARRIOR RUN BOROUGH ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WARRIOR RUN, COUNTY OF LUZERNE, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, REENACTING ITS OCCUPATIONAL PRIVILEGE TAX ORDINANCE, TO PROVIDE REVENUE BY IMPOSING A TAX OF TEN (\$10.00) DOLLARS ON OCCUPATIONS ENGAGED IN BY INDIVIDUALS FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF ENGAGING IN SAID OCCUPATIONS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE BOROUGH OF WARRIOR RUN, WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE, HAVING BEEN ENACTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED AND BEING REENACTED UNDER THE LOCAL TAX ACT OF 1965, ACT 511 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1966 FOR 2025

NOW, it is hereby ORDAINED and ENACTED by the Borough of WARRIOR RUN, County of Luzerne, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, that:

SECTION1: The Borough of WARRIOR RUN County of Luzerne and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, imposes a tax of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars on occupations engaged by individuals for the privilege of engaging in said occupations within the corporate limits of WARRIOR RUN BOROUGH under authority granted by the Local Tax Enabling Act, Act 511 of 1965, effective January 1, 1966 and its amendments. This is a continuance and reenactment of its prior Occupational Privilege Tax Ordinance.

SECTION II: Any Ordinance, or part of an Ordinance conflicting with this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed in-so-far as the same affects this Ordinance.

ORDAINED and ENACTED by the Borough Council of the Borough of WARRIOR RUN, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

WARRIOR RUN BOROUGH

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
John Quinn President

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Donna Tudgay Secretary

Passed and adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of December, 2024

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tom Shypulefski, Mayor

1<sup>st</sup> motion made by: SW

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_

WARRIOR RUN BOROUGH ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WARRIOR RUN, COUNTY OF LUZERNE, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO PROVIDE REVENUE BY IMPOSING TAX OF ONE (1%) PERCENT LEVIED ON THE PRIVILEGE OF TRANSFERRING REAL ESTATE, INCLUDING MINERALS, TIMBER, NATURAL RESOURCES, AND COALS, "IN PLACE SITUATED IN PART OR IN WHOLE WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF WARRIOR RUN BOROUGH, WITHOUT SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE HAVING BEEN ENACTED UNDER THE AUTHORITY GRANTED AND BEING REENACTED UNDER THE LOCAL TAX OF 1965 ACT 511 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1966". FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025.

NOW, it is hereby ORDAINED and ENACTED by the Borough of WARRIOR RUN, County of Luzerne, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, that:

SECTION I: The Borough imposes a tax of one (1%) percent levied on the privilege of transferring real estate including minerals, timber natural resources and coal "in place situated in part or whole within the limits of WARRIOR RUN BOROUGH under authority granted by the Local Tax Enabling Act. Act 511 of 1965, effective January 1, 1966, and its amendments". This is a continuance and reenactment of a 1985 Ordinance.

SECTION II: Any Ordinance, or part or an Ordinance conflicting with this Ordinance be and the same are hereby repealed in-so-far as the same affects this Ordinance.

ORDAINED and ENACTED by the Borough Council of the Borough of WARRIOR RUN, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of December, 2024.

WARRIOR RUN BOROUGH

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
John Quinn , President

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Donna Tudgay Secretary

Passed and adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of December, 2024

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tom Shypulefski, Mayor

1<sup>st</sup> motion made by: LC

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_

TAX ORDINANCE 2024-05

WARRIOR RUN BOROUGH ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WARRIOR RUN, COUNTY OF LUZERNE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, TO PROVIDE REVENUE BY IMPOSING A PER CAPITA TAX ON EVERY RESIDENT OF THE BOROUGH OF WARRIOR RUN, EIGHTEEN (18) YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER; PRESCRIBING THE DUE DATE AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTY, LIMITATIONS AND EXCEPTIONS FOR 2025.

NOW, it is hereby ORDAINED and ENACTED by the BOROUGH OF WARRIOR RUN, County of Luzerne, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, that the BOROUGH OF WARRIOR RUN, County of Luzerne, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, levy for the year 2025 per capita tax of Five (\$5.00) Dollars on each and every resident of the Borough eighteen (18) years of age or older, under the authority granted by the Local Tax Enabling Act, Act 511 of 1965, effective January 1, 1966, and its amendments, and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that any person failing to pay his or her tax when due shall be subject to penalty of five (5%) percent of said per capita tax levied in addition to any other cost of collection as may be prescribed by law.

THIS ORDINANCE shall be cited as the "BOROUGH OF WARRIOR RUN Per Capita Tax Ordinance" and the tax herein and hereby shall be designated as the "BOROUGH OF WARRIOR RUN Per Capita Tax".

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the following limitations and exceptions shall apply to this Ordinance and the collection of taxes heretofore said.

SECTION I: That all persons serving in the Armed Forces to the United States shall be exempt from this Per Capita Tax.

SECTION II: That persons between eighteen (18) and twenty-five (25) years of age who are attending high school or college full time, except those who are gainfully employed shall be exempt from this Per Capita Tax.

SECTION III: That the tax levied under this Ordinance shall become effective on the first day of January, 2025.

SECTION IV: Any Ordinance, or part of an Ordinance conflicting with this Ordinance be the same are hereby repealed in-so-far as the same affects this Ordinance.

ORDAINED and ENACTED by the Borough Council of the Borough of WARRIOR RUN, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

WARRIOR RUN BOROUGH

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
John Quinn President

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Donna Tudgay Secretary

Passed and adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of December, 2024

\_\_\_\_\_  
Tom Shypulefski Mayor

1<sup>st</sup> motion made by: SW

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## Old Business - None

## New Business

A motion to approve payment to Ed Krasavage Inc, for emergency manhole repair on two manholes located on Slope Street, in the amount of \$4390.00, to be paid from the Sewer Fund.

1<sup>st</sup> motion made by: LC

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## Attorney Aregood Report

An order was received from Judge Sklarosky; resident Herbert Wootton was found guilty of building code violations and was fined \$300.00. He has an appeal right to the Superior Court of Pennsylvania; we have not received notice of this yet. This brings the outstanding issue to conclusion with Mr. Wootton.

On 12/19/2024, Mr. Wootton has a court date with Warrior Run Borough, regarding an issue of a declaration of taking, by Warrior Run Borough, on the property that is the subject to the lawsuit which he has filed against the Borough. This is in front of Judge Hughes (which may be subject to change).

The next step in this matter is the filing of the Borough's answer to Wootton's lawsuit. An answer is ready to be filed, which is due by 12/14/2024. John Quinn signed the answer, as President of Council, which is denying Wootton's claims regarding damages to his property. This will result in a future hearing for this matter (which is separate from the declaration of taking issue).

Warrior Run Borough received two satisfactions of liens from by WWSA, against the Harry Worke estate. Two bills were paid, to the Borough, for the outstanding sewer debts, in the amount of over \$700.00.

**Police Report** - Month of November 2024 - Report on file

**Mayor Report**

The appeals hearing for Mr. Wootton was heard at the Luzerne County Court House on 11/18/2024. Judge Sklarosky presided over the case. He was found guilty and fined for the infractions.

Mr Wootton’s case against Warrior Run Borough is set for December 19, 2024, at the Luzerne County Court House.

I would like to thank Service Electric, John Quinn and Larry Carbohn for their great job on installing the Christmas Decorations.

Also, thanks to Attorney Patrick Aregood, Donna Tudgay, Matt Pilch, Sandy Wegrzynowicz, and Rick Kratz for their commitment to continue Warrior Run’s forward progress.

On behalf of my wife, Theresa and I, a very Blessed and Healthy Merry Christmas and New Year. May the New Year bring wonderful things to our residents and Borough.

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

1<sup>st</sup> motion made by: MP

2<sup>nd</sup> 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 wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

## Public Comment

Resident Mr. Price wished everyone a Happy New Year and Merry Christmas.

## Motion to adjourn

1<sup>st</sup> motion made by: LC

2<sup>nd</sup> 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, Warrior Run Borough  
Submitted: 12/09/2024