

# **WARRIOR RUN BOROUGH**

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## **Council Meeting Minutes**

**January 8, 2024**

Meeting Called to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval / Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approval / Minutes of Special Council Meeting (12/20/2023)

Approval / Treasurer Report from Previous Month

Communications

Public Comment on Tonight's Agenda

Attorney Aregood / Motion to Fill Vacant Council Position

Mayor/Swearing in Appointed Council Person

Motion for Street Department Supervisor

Motion to Retain Street Department Employees

Old Business

New Business

Attorney Patrick Aregood Report

Police Report

Mayor's Report

Public Comment

Final Comment

Adjournment

# Council Meeting Minutes

## January 8, 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>
Matt Pilch	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
Richard Kratz	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
<b>Other Attendees:</b>		
Mayor, Tom Shypulefski	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
Attorney Patrick Aregood	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
Secretary, Donna Tudgay	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>

A motion to approve the minutes from the December 11, 2023, Council Meeting.

1<sup>st</sup> motion made by:   MP   2<sup>nd</sup> motion made by   JQ  

	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>
J. Quinn	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>

Motion passed   X  

Motion failed

A motion to approve the minutes from the December 20, 2023, Special Council Meeting.

1<sup>st</sup> motion made by: MP 2<sup>nd</sup> motion made by JQ

	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>
J. Quinn	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>

Motion passed X

Motion failed       

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report from December 1 through December 31, 2023.

1<sup>st</sup> motion made by: SW 2<sup>nd</sup> motion made by MP

	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>
J. Quinn	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>

Motion passed X

Motion failed

## Communications

The Borough received a copy of a Public Notice, from the Luzerne County Zoning Hearing Board, who received an application for a variance, by Edmund Pegarella, Rear Orchard Street, Warrior Run, to convert a former bar into a single-family residence at 524 Orchard Street, Warrior Run Borough, located in a Community Business District. NOTE: Mr. Pegarella was present at the meeting and indicated he attended a hearing and the application was approved.

The Borough received a thank you card from the Zula Family for flowers sent in the recent loss of Joseph Zula.

## Public Comment on Tonight's Agenda - None

## Attorney Aregood to Ask Mayor for Motion to Fill Vacant Council Seat

### Mayor asks for Motion to Fill Vacant Council Position Motion for Lawrence Carbohn to Fill Vacant Council Position

1<sup>st</sup> motion made by: MP 2<sup>nd</sup> motion made by JQ

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

### Due to a tie vote, the Mayor votes on the motion:

	Yes	No	Abstain
Mayor, Tom Shypulefski	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>

Motion passed   X   Motion failed

Swearing in of Newly Appointed Council Person by Mayor Tom Shypulefski.  
 After swearing in of newly appointed Council Person, Larry Carbohn, the Mayor turned the meeting over to the President of Council.

**A motion to nominate the Warrior Run Borough Street Supervisor – John Quinn**

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 \_\_\_\_\_

**A motion to retain the following people as Warrior Run Borough Street Department Employees:  
 John Quinn, Ted Linkiewicz, Larry Carbohn and Eric Eppler**

1<sup>st</sup> motion made by: MP 2<sup>nd</sup> motion made by \*LC

\*2<sup>nd</sup> on the motion, not on the names, but for the motion to be discussed.

President, Council recognized the motion.

Discussion ensued between Councilman L. Carbohn (LC) and Councilman R. Kratz (RK) regarding whether the names should be voted individually or together. Councilman LC stated Councilman RK communicated via a Facebook posting indicating names should be voted separately. Councilman RK stated he was not against doing more than one name but believes each name should be voted on separately at this meeting. Per Councilman LC, meeting minutes from the 01/04/2016 reorganization meeting reflect Councilman RK made a motion, with more than one person to be voted on, was seconded by Councilman LC, and

passed with five votes. Councilman RK indicated he was the Roadmaster at that time and this is why he made the motion. Councilman LC reiterated the point being made is it has been done before (voting for more than one person for street department worker).

With no other comments, the call for vote was made:

	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 \_\_\_\_\_

Motion failed \_\_\_\_\_

THE MOTION DID NOT PASS

A motion to amend the agenda of tonight’s meeting, in order to vote for people individually, and to pay Ted Linkiewicz for hours worked for the Borough.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

The Council President tabled the motion regarding voting for individual people for future discussion at the next work session.

Without a vote for Street Department Employees, the Council President will call people out and the Borough will have to ratify payment for work performed. Work will have to be done by people who are insured by the municipality and who have worked for the municipality in the past. Without the vote, this is how the Borough will have to operate on an ad hoc basis.

A motion to approve to pay Ted Linkiewicz, for 10 hours he worked over two days this past weekend for snow removal, at a rate of \$22.00/hour.

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

1. A motion to ratify payment to DGK Insurance for the annual premium, for the Borough Commercial Package Policy and General Liability coverage for 2024, in the total amount of \$6011.00, paid from the General 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 \_\_\_\_\_

2. A motion to approve payment for expenditures incurred by Mary Ann Brodginiski (Tax Collector), for the 2024/2025 calendar years (bond insurance, internet service, bill printing, ink, paper, postage), to be paid from the General 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 \_\_\_\_\_

3. A motion to approve expenses by the Warrior Run Borough Street Department, up to \$200.00/week as needed, for the 2024/2025 calendar years, for general maintenance expenditures, to be paid from the General Fund or Highway Aid Fund.

1<sup>st</sup> motion made by: RK      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 \_\_\_\_\_

4. A motion to approve any emergency repair work, on the Warrior Run Borough Street Department Trucks and/or Equipment, up to \$1000.00 as needed, for the 2024/2025 calendar years, for emergency work repairs, to be paid from the General Fund or Highway Aid Fund.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

5. A motion to approve expenses by the Warrior Run Borough Administration office, for the 2024/2025 calendar years, for general office expenditures, to be paid from the General 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 \_\_\_\_\_

6. A motion to approve the purchase of one triaxle/25 tons of road salt, from Cargill, in the amount of \$2225.00, and will be paid from the Highway Aid Fund or General Fund.

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

7. A motion to approve expenses by Pumping Solutions of Wilkes-Barre, in the amount of \$350.00/month for maintenance of the pump station, and an additional \$1000.00 as needed, for the 2024/2025 calendar years, for any emergency repairs, 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>	<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

## New Business

1. A motion to purchase and replace two (2) crosswalk yield signs, for the signs located at the bus stop in front of the Borough Building, in the amount of \$120.00 from Bassler Equipment, to be paid from the Highway Aid 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

For the last month, I have been dealing with a lot of advertisements for the Borough with regular meetings, special meeting due to council vacancy, budget and tax ordinances. In addition, there were two sewer lien satisfactions completed.

## Police Report - Month of December 2023 - Report on file

## Mayor Report

Hopefully, everyone had a great Holiday Season! Special thanks to Katie Fine, Matt and Frank Pilch, Sean Burrige, and the Levandowski Family. If I left anyone out, I apologize. They showed real community spirit in bringing joy to our residents, especially the young ones. Despite the ridiculous fighting on Facebook, they took it upon themselves to bring the Christmas Spirit to our community.

I would like to thank John Quinn, Ted Linkiewicz, and Larry Carbohn for their outstanding work during the recent storm. They dismissed the petty remarks and placed the safety and integrity of Warrior Run Borough first for Borough residents.

As I stated before, the Warrior Run Borough Information Facebook page is read by outside neighboring communities. When I encounter people checking this site, these people tell me the Warrior Run Borough looks ridiculous, unprofessional, misinformed, and childish. This is a bad impression on our residents and should be stopped. Everyone has a right to free speech but remember, before posting, the possible harm it produces on your community. Check out the facts and realize the implications it will cause and the responses from the misinformed. Warrior Run Borough has advanced among our neighboring communities over the past few years. It would be a shame to regress backwards due to misinformation and personal vendettas. It is time for everyone to move forward and work together to provide the best for our community.

What was proved tonight, on a personal note, is we have no road crew. This will be known in our community and communities around us. We look ridiculous, stop the fighting, please.

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

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

2<sup>nd</sup> motion made by: MP

	Yes	No	Abstain
S. Wengren	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
S. Wegrzynowicz	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
M. Pilch	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
J. Quinn	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
L. Carbohn	<u>X</u>	_____	_____

Motion passed X

Motion failed \_\_\_\_\_

## Final Comment

Councilman Carbohn agrees with Mayor's comment regarding the nonsense and fighting and fueding. He was made aware of being screamed at yesterday for taking care of the streets, and wasn't even in the state. He was not in a Borough truck for two days.

Councilman Pilch inquired he would like to know what the problem is with this town and the way it is running. What's the problem with the money we have, the equipment and grants we have. What is the problem, please tell me what it is the problem.

Councilman Kratz stated there are a couple of problems with the way the money is handled. Inquired on why the certificate of deposit (CD) (\$63,000) is gone. It was to be used for the Penn Vest loan. Councilman Kratz was told the money was put into the sewer fund and this was under the advice of the auditor. Councilman Kratz stated this is not what he was told; also inquired why we are not making any interest on any money we have. Councilman Kratz was told this was brought up at prior meetings and at last week's work session meeting, this topic was going to be brought up in the new year with the new council. Councilman Kratz also inquired on the garbage fund and money left over (\$12,000/\$13,000); stated with money carried over to new year, the rate of the garbage fee should be \$260 to \$275, not the \$310.00 residents are paying.

Councilwoman Wegrzynowicz addressed Attorney Aregood and stated as of today she is resigning from her council position. Councilwoman Wegrzynowicz indicated per the information she heard over the weekend, and tonight's meeting, is why she abstained from voting on certain items. Councilwoman Wegrzynowicz stated she has been a member of council for over 10 years and has never seen such nonsense. The safety of the community is at stake and people are bickering about who is and who is not going to be on the road crew. Meetings should not be run this way. We were able to work things out, one way or another. It does not seem like it's going in the right direction, at all. Our community needs services, this is why the council is here; not to argue and talk about people. I have my letter ready; I will be sending it to the office and to the Election Bureau. I appreciate everyone I worked with, on all the councils, throughout the years.

## Public Comment

Public comments were provided by Residents S. Levandowski, R. Pilch, T. Price, E. Pegarella, M. Vanderhoff Shellenberger, C. Brelefski, D. Mynes, including sentiments of appreciation to Councilwoman Wegrzynowicz for her service.

## Motion to adjourn

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

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Donna Tudgay  
Secretary, Warrior Run Borough  
Submitted: 01/08/2024