

WARRIOR RUN BOROUGH

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Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 9, 2023

Meeting Called to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval / Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approval / Treasurer Report of Previous Month

Jim Davis, DGK Insurance

Karen Hazleton, Auditor

Communications

Public Comment on Tonight's Agenda

Old Business

New Business

Attorney Patrick Aregood Report

Police Report

Mayor's Report

Public & Final Comment

Adjournment

Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 9, 2023

Roll Call	Present	Not Present
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Council Members:

Larry Carbohn, President	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Sharon Wengren, Vice-President	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Sandy Wegrzynowicz	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Matt Pilch	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
John Quinn, Public Works Supervisor	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

Other Attendees:

Mayor, Tom Shypulefski	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Attorney, Patrick Aregood	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Jim Davis, DGK Insurance	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Karen Hazleton, Hazleton B&PS	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Secretary, Donna Tudgay	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

A motion to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2022, Meeting.

1st motion made by: JQ 2nd motion made by MP

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

Motion passed X Motion failed

A motion to approve the Treasurer's report from December 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022.

1st motion made by: S. Wengren 2nd motion made by: JQ

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

Motion passed X

Motion failed

Jim Davis, DGK Insurance

Jim provided a copy of the 2023/2024 Astra Insurance Package Coverage Proposal to Council and a few key items were highlighted/discussed by the group:

- Over the last couple of years, the biggest issue in the insurance industry is property insurance
- Inflation is driving up the cost of reconstruction.
- Since last year, two buildings were insured at the ballfield.
- Carriers calculated new replacement costs estimates for structures to be sure there is an adequate amount of coverage.
- Per page 8 of the proposal, Property Schedule, the total amount of coverage is \$1,545,179.00.
 - The replacement cost for the current Borough building appears to be high; Jim will request another cost replacement estimate if the Borough wants him to and he provided an explanation of how functional replacement cost works in comparison to replacement cost.
 - An inquiry was made regarding if the replacement costs are recalculated, will this create an additional deductible for the Borough; Jim stated the current deductible is \$1,000 and should not be affected.

- A suggestion was made to rename a couple of the building descriptions to reflect the current use of the structure (Community Building is used as Storage Building; Storage Garage is the Maintenance Building).
- The total coverage of \$1,545,179.00, which is an increase of \$427,000.00 from last year (due to addition of concession stand, storage shed and playground equipment). The Borough's annual premium increased approximately \$300.00 due to the additional coverages.
- Jim will redo some of the estimates and edit items per Council's request.
- Per page 13 of the proposal, Mobile and Portable Equipment Schedule, there were questions regarding insurance coverage for portable equipment; in addition, a request was made to remove one item and add another item.
- Jim indicated the policy has coverage for rental equipment; in the event the Borough has to rent equipment, there is a \$100,000.00 coverage for rental equipment (if there should be damage to the equipment while in use by the Borough).
- Jim directed the Council to Page 28 for a breakdown of the premium summary; he stated a support class code went into effect in April 2022 (is new item incorporated into the annual premium).
- Discussion regarding the State Workman's Comp Insurance Fund (SWIF)
 - Multiple conversations have been conducted, prior to this meeting, between different parties regarding the possibility of the Borough no longer paying for SWIF, on basis the Warrior Run Fire Company is a volunteer/non compensated entity. Further details/information are forthcoming.

Karen Hazleton, Hazleton B&PS

- Inquired if Borough received current financial statements.
- Loss of \$25,000 for year; in process of auditing year end statements
- Karen Hazleton will be at next work session; has items for discussion at next meeting.
- Michelle Hazleton will be at next council meeting with auditor report.

Communications

Auditor from the State Attorney General's office will be at the Borough Building on Wednesday, 01/11/2023, to complete the annual audit of the prior year's Liquid Fuels Fund (2021).

We received notification from the Luzerne County Tax Assessor Office the 2021 Warrior Run Tax Collector Final Audit was successfully completed.

Public Comment on Tonight's Agenda – No Comment

Old Business

1. A motion to pay State Worker's Insurance Fund (SWIF) insurance, in the amount of \$4498.00 for the Warrior Run Volunteer Fire Company, to be paid from General Fund.

1st motion made by: MP

2nd motion made by: S. Wegrzynowicz

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

Motion passed X

Motion failed

2. A motion to pay Encova insurance, in the amount of \$852.00 for Warrior Run Borough workman compensation insurance, to be paid from General Fund.

1st motion made by: JQ

2nd motion made by: S. Wengren

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

Motion passed X

Motion failed

3. A motion to order one truck load of road salt from Cargill, to be paid from General Fund, in the amount of \$1936.00.

1st motion made by: MP

2nd motion made by: S. Wegrzynowicz

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

Motion passed X

Motion failed

New Business

1. A motion for Borough Solicitor to pursue the discontinuance of Workman's Compensation Insurance through SWIF based upon the Warrior Run Volunteer Fire Company non-profit status and not having paid fire fighters.

1st motion made by: JQ 2nd motion made by MP

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

Motion passed X Motion failed

2. A motion to ratify payment to Roto-Rooter, for emergency services provided on Orchard Street, in the amount of \$3202.00, to be paid from the Sewer Fund.

motion made by: JQ 2nd motion made by: S. Wegrzynowicz

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

Motion passed X Motion failed

Attorney Aregood Report

- Telephone calls are in process with officials from Scranton, Harrisburg and Philadelphia regarding the payment to SWIF, by Warrior Run Borough, on behalf of the Warrior Run Fire Company.
- Attorney Aregood provided a copy of a sewer lien removal from the former Cain property on Front Street.
- Attorney Aregood stated a sentence was imposed on Wooten (\$25.00/month through 11/2024) for prior property maintenance citations.
- The Borough has forwarded garbage citations, for calendar year 2022, to the code enforcement officer for magistrate hearings.

Police Report - Month of December 2022 - Report on file

Mayor Report

- 1) Letters were sent out informing residents of the milage increase and Refuse collection information. Also information informing the Residents of problems flushing dangerous household items down your toilet causing the Borough unnecessary costs to Sewer Maintenance.
- 2) I would like to commend Donna Tudgay for the outstanding job in this tedious project which was assisted by Larry Carbohn and myself. As stated previously, the Refuse collection is a year-round process and requires additional costs and time.
- 3) I would like to briefly comment on individuals who make false accusations on facebook. Every municipality, city, county & township raised their milage this year. It's called inflation not padding your pockets. Sugar Notch raised their milage to 5.5 and doubled their refuse. It's amazing certain people on Facebook had their chance to correct existing problems but failed. I believe apologies are in order for accusing Council and myself for padding our pockets.

- 4) I contacted Greg Gulick and 6 citations were filed for non-refuse payment. Some are repeat offenders and others will be put on the \$10 payment plan. Others claim bankruptcy and don't pay. Others just don't show up and warrants will be issued. However warrants aren't executed for summary offenses. The Borough is out of pocket for enforcement costs.
- 5) Magistrate's office also working on continuance of previous property maintenance charges.
- 6) I would also like to commend Attorney Pat Aregood for his tremendous work this past week on the multiple phones calls and correspondence with various Warrior Run Borough issues. Pat is an outstanding individual that continues to benefit our interests.
- 7) Meeting with our new State Representative to review Grants and assistance for future Warrior Run Borough projects. Alec Ryncavage will have an office next to State Senator Lisa Baker in Nanticoke location. This location will open in February.
- 8) WR125 Assn is selling Cash Bonanza tickets to benefit our Festival. Please support a worthy cause.

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

1st motion made by: MP 2nd motion made by: S. Wegrzynowicz

	Yes	No	Abstain
Sandy Wegrzynowicz	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Sharon Wengren	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
M. Pilch	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
J. Quinn	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
L. Carbohn	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Motion passed <u>X</u>		Motion failed <u> </u>	

Council Final Comment

The garage door spring broke; All American Doors is in the process of fixing this issue.

Motion to Adjourn

1st motion made by: S. Wengren 2nd motion made by: JQ

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

Motion passed X

Motion failed

Donna Tudgay
Secretary, Warrior Run Borough
Submitted: 01/09/2023