

Minutes of the Warrior Run Borough  
Council Meeting  
July 8, 2019

The Warrior Run Council Meeting of 07/08/2019 was held at the Warrior Run Borough Building, 496 Front Street, Warrior Run, PA.

The meeting was called to order by Larry Carbohn, who led The Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Rick Kratz, Luke Matthews, John Quinn and Matt Pilch. Mayor Tom Shypulefski was present.

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of 06/10/2019 were read by Tom Kneidinger. The Treasurer's Report from 06/11/2019 to 07/08/2019 was given.

A motion to accept the Minutes of the previous Council Meeting and the Treasurer's Report was made by Rick Kratz, seconded by Matt Pilch, and passed by 5 yes.

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

OLD BUSINESS: A motion was made by Rick Kratz to pay for 28 American flags and accompanying parts installed on Borough streets for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, seconded by Matt Pilch, and passed by 5 yes. The flags were purchased from Home Depot for \$298.63.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Rick Kratz to purchase a new printer for Mary Ann Brodginiski, Tax Collector, seconded by John Quinn, and passed by 5 yes The printer is to be purchased from Staples, Inc., for \$200.00.

A motion was made by Rick Kratz to increase the hourly rate from \$8.00/hr. to \$9.00/hr. for Sean Burrige, a Borough employee, seconded by John Quinn, and passed by 5 yes.

Rick Kratz asked about the status of renewals from residents with handicap parking permits. Larry Carbohn informed Rick Kratz that several residents have sent in their renewals, but he would check the Borough file for the status of this situation.

ATTORNEY PATRICK AREGOOD'S REPORT: Attorney Aregood stated the 3-year contract for refuse collection in the Borough expires at the end of 2019.

Attorney Aregood stated that council should contact County Waste in the next 30 days to see if County Waste is willing to agree to a contract extension under the current financial terms. Council members were in agreement that County Waste's performance has generally been good.

After the future situation with County Waste has been determined, it may be necessary for the Borough to begin a bid process to solicit offers from other refuse collection companies.

Attorney Aregood advised that it may be to the Borough's benefit to obtain a warranty with regard to the handicap ramp, which is to be installed at the Borough Building.

Attorney Aregood stated that no formal bids were received for the sale of the Borough's 1993 red dump truck, which was advertised in both local newspapers. The Borough could re-advertise for bids at a lower sales price, or agree to accept a lower sales price.

Attorney Aregood informed council that he has sent information to Creditech to continue to establish the process by which, Creditech can begin to collect residents' past due sewer O&M bills.

Attorney Aregood stated that the two, most recent meetings regarding participants in the Shannon lawsuit against the Borough, have been cancelled. Attorney Aregood stated that Judge Van Jura may reschedule a meeting to bring the case to a resolution. Council determined that the \$2,000.00 check held in escrow concerning potential settlement, should remain in escrow for the time being.

Attorney Aregood stated since the Jones Street project construction work has been awarded to Sikora Brothers, public notice should be given for this award.

POLICE REPORT: The Hanover Township Police Report for the month of 06/2019 was read by the mayor. There were 8 calls during the month. All calls for service expended 3.5 man hours. Total hours do not include time spent on routine patrol of the Borough. PA Aggressive driving enforcements will begin in mid-July.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The mayor complimented John Quinn and Larry Carbohn for their work on installing American flags on Borough streets for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.

The handicap ramp for the Borough building is ordered, and should be installed by the end of July.

In October, LSA Grant applications will become available. The mayor advised council to prepare a list of projects, which could be submitted in this new application process.

The mayor stated that organizing refuse collection bids by council should begin, due to the expiration of the current contract at the end of 2019.

The mayor suggested lowering the reserve for the 1993 red dump truck, if a new bid process is re-established for the truck.

A motion to accept Attorney Aregood's, the Police and the Mayor's reports was made by Luke Matthews, seconded by Rick Kratz and passed by 5 yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mr. Willis, a resident on Jones Street, inquired about potential installation of a natural gas line on Jones Street. Council informed him of some of the work and expense needed to do this. There is no current plan for gas line installation on Jones Street.

There was an extensive discussion about ATV use in and around the Borough. Borough residents in attendance, and council members agreed that these vehicles are a serious nuisance and could at times, pose a danger to residents. A Councilman from Sugar Notch was in attendance and cited several instances of ATV reckless behavior in the Sugar Notch and Warrior Run areas.

Council stated that local police are aware of the situation, but will not pursue ATV riders acting in a reckless manner into wooded areas. Most police vehicles are not made for pursuit in this type of terrain.

Mrs. Croop, a Borough resident informed council of overgrown trees blocking the view of entry onto Hanover Street. John Quinn stated that he would see to it that the trees are trimmed.

There was a brief discussion of fireworks control in the Borough. Council informed residents that the Borough follows the Luzerne County Guidelines for control of fireworks.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rick Kratz, seconded by Luke Matthews, and passed by 5 yes.