

WARRIOR RUN BOROUGH

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Council Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2024

Meeting Called to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval / Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approval / Treasurer Report from Previous Month

Communications

Public Comment on Tonight's Agenda

Old Business

New Business

Attorney Patrick Aregood Report

Police Report

Mayor's Report

Public Comment

Final Comment

Adjournment

Council Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2024

| Roll Call | Present | Not Present |
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Council Members:

| | | |
|------------------------------------|---|-------|
| John Quinn, President | X | _____ |
| Sandy Wegrzynowicz, Vice-President | X | _____ |
| Rick Kratz | X | _____ |
| Matt Pilch | X | _____ |
| Larry Carbohn | X | _____ |

Other Attendees:

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|-------|
| Mayor, Tom Shypulefski | X | _____ |
| Solicitor, Attorney Patrick Aregood | X | _____ |
| Secretary, Donna Tudgay | X | _____ |

A motion to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2024, Council Meeting.

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

| | Yes | No | Abstain |
|-----------------|-----|-------|---------|
| S. Wegrzynowicz | X | _____ | _____ |
| R. Kratz | X | _____ | _____ |
| M. Pilch | X | _____ | _____ |
| L. Carbohn | X | _____ | _____ |
| J. Quinn | X | _____ | _____ |

Motion passed X

Motion failed _____

A motion to approve the Treasurer’s report from May 1 through May 31, 2024.

1st motion made by: LC 2nd motion made by RK

| | 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

On 05/22/2024, Warrior Run Borough received an email communication from Mandy Book, Executive Director, Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA), PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), regarding the Warrior Run Borough application for financial assistance under the LSA Luzerne Program. A list of the selected applicants, at the 05/21/2024 CFA Board Meeting, was posted to the CFA webpage, for approved projects. Warrior Run Borough was not selected as a recipient for the 2024 LSA Luzerne County Program.

Public Comment on Tonight’s Agenda - None

Old Business

1. A motion is needed to ratify payment to Lowe's, in the amount of \$699.72 for the purchase of fourteen (14) American Flags, to be paid from the General Fund.

1st motion made by: RK 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

2. A motion is needed to ratify payment to Main Hardware, in the amount of \$325.04, for the purchase of flag brackets/screws/bit holder for 14 flags, to be paid from the General Fund.

1st motion made by: SW 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

A motion to amend tonight’s agenda, to include an item which needs to be paid immediately, for a bill received with a postmarking of May 28, 2024 from March 8, 2024, indicating it is past due (Warrior Run Borough has been waiting for the invoice).

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

3. A motion to approve payment to Site Services Group, Moosic, PA for emergency services* rendered on the Hanover Street Pump Station (in January/February 2024), in the amount of \$1,555.00, to be paid from the Sewer Fund. (*Services rendered were in conjunction with Martin’s Electrical Services, Tamaqua, PA and Pumping Solutions of Wilkes-Barre).

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

New Business - None

Attorney Aregood Report

Attorney Aregood talked with a representative from the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) regarding water shut off to residents. The PUC does not regulate a borough or municipality for this issue. If the borough wishes to charge for water shut off purposes, so long as fair disclosure is made across the board to any persons who suffer the water shut off, they are fine with it. This inquiry was made on behalf of Councilman Carbohn asking if the Borough can pass on the expense of water shut off to the resident.

Mr. Wootten has filed an appeal to the last hearing; the Borough won at the magistrate last month. The hearing is coming up on 07/10/2024 at 9:00 AM at the Luzerne County Courthouse. It will be held in front of a judge (possibly the same judge from last year). It is a trial de novo; it's as if the magistrate hearing never happened. It is a full-blown hearing; it can be prosecuted by the District Attorney's (DA) office. When Attorney Aregood contacted the DA office in the past to prosecute, he was told the DA office would prefer it if we did it ourselves. They don't have any knowledge of the case and usually do not want to get involved with it. It will be up to the Borough again to contact the DA office to find out who has been assigned to the case and whether they intend to prosecute; if they don't, then it will be Attorney Aregood pursuing the case on behalf of the Borough.

Another case coming up at the courthouse, in August 2024, involves N Stanley Paving, who filed an appeal. He was the paving contractor who worked in both Warrior Run Borough and Hanover Township without a permit last summer.

Police Report - Month of May 2024 - Report on file.

Mayor Shypulefski stated Warrior Run Borough received notification they received \$115.00, from the Pennsylvania State Police for fines collected in 2023. The deposit was made to the Borough's General Fund account on 06/01/2024.

Mayor's Report

After I completed the proper paperwork, Warrior Run Borough was reimbursed \$1,600.00 for the purchase of equipment from Valley Power Equipment. This completes the 2021 LSA Grant, submitted by me and Theresa, for the purchase of the Kubota Skid Steer Loader (\$41,097.40); the Kubota Excavator (\$48,206.90) and the Kubota RTV (\$19,590.58). The total grant received by Warrior Run Borough totaled \$110,494.88. These are valuable pieces of equipment used to supply services to Warrior Run residents. Theresa and I received no remuneration for the filing and processing of this lengthy grant.

Due to inclement weather conditions, the Memorial Day celebration was cancelled. However, thanks to Larry Carbohn, John Quinn, Eric Eppler and Fran Moriarity for the preparation done to the Veterans Memorial Monument area. Additional thanks to our anticipated participants, including Frank Pilch, Rose Pilch, Thomas Price, and Theresa Shypulefski, for their involvement to salute our fallen heroes. Hopefully next year, weather permitting, we will continue the tradition.

Motion to accept Attorney Aregood, Police and Mayor Reports.

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>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

Final Comment

Councilman Carbohn inquired is Wootten using the same attorney for the court case in July and for a pending bankruptcy case (scheduled for 06/25/2024). It is the same attorney.

Public Comment - None

Motion to adjourn

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>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: 06/10/2024