

Minutes of the Warrior Run Borough
Council Meeting
March 11, 2019

The Warrior Run Council Meeting of 03/11/2019 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 02/11/2019 were read by Tom Kneidinger. The Treasurer's Report from 02/12/2019 to 03/11/2019 was given.

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

KAREN M. HAZLETON, CPA - Karen Hazleton provided copies of the 2018 Borough financial audit to council members and to the mayor and secretary/treasurer. Ms. Hazleton complimented the Borough on the financial surplus for 2018 of \$86,548. Approximately, \$66,000 of the surplus was due to the transfer of Sears property to a new owner in 04/2018. The Borough did accumulate an approximate surplus of \$20,000 in the course of regular Borough business in 2018.

Ms. Hazleton responded to a few questions about the audit from council and the secretary/treasurer. She also made some suggestions that could possibly have some modest financial impact on the Borough. Larry Carbohn stated that some of these suggestions may be discussed in upcoming Borough work sessions.

COMMUNICATIONS: Larry Carbohn read from a letter received by the Borough on 03/04/2019 from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) that stated the Borough has received its annual liquid fuels tax fund payment of \$18,851.48 on 03/01/2019.

Larry Carbohn read a letter dated 02/25/2019 by Paul Pasonick of PennEastern Engineers. The letter pertained to Hanover and Beaumont Streets' potholes. PennEastern believes the potholes on Hanover and Beaumont Streets are due to normal freeze and thaw cycles. PennEastern believes installing a new storm system in this area is not necessary, and would be very costly. The potholes simply need to be properly repaired.

Larry Carbohn read a letter dated 03/04/2019 by Paul Pasonick of PennEastern Engineers regarding Hanover and Beaumont Streets' storm drainage improvements. PennEastern prepared an initial cost estimate of \$4,500.00 for initial work in this area. This would include a field survey, preliminary engineering and design, registering Warrior Run Borough with PennDOT's ECMS, and completing and submitting PennDOT's Highway Occupancy Permit application, and supporting documentation. This cost does not include addressing PennDOT's concerns during permitting, or costs for preparing construction documents, securing bids, construction costs, or engineering and inspection services during construction.

Larry Carbohn read a notice from the Luzerne County Boroughs and Townships Association about its next meeting on 03/27/2019 at the Best Western Genetti Hotel in Wilkes-Barre. The cost is \$10.00 for members, and please RSVP my 03/17/2019.

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS: Street Superintendent, John Quinn stated that cold patch is not an adequate repair for many distressed areas on Borough streets. He stated that a more substantial method of repair would be needed to perform proper repairs.

ATTORNEY AREGOOD'S REPORT: Attorney Aregood read a letter from the Luzerne County Board of Tax Assessment Appeals, dated 03/09/2019, concerning the owner of property on Slope and Brislin Streets requesting tax reassessment hearings for those properties. The hearings will be held at the Luzerne County Assessor's Office in Wilkes-Barre on 04/09/2019 and 04/16/2019. The Borough could send a representative to these hearings.

Attorney Aregood read a notice from The Court of Common Pleas, that the Borough received on 03/11/2019, of a Sheriff's Sale for the property on 492 Beaumont Street.

The Sheriff's Sale will take place on 06/07/2019 at the Luzerne County Court House. The judgment amount is \$56,756.83. The Borough was informed of this sale if it has an interest in these proceedings.

The Borough received documentation on 03/11/2019 regarding the Sears Holding Bankruptcy and the rights of claimants in the bankruptcy. Secretary/Treasurer Tom Kneidinger informed Attorney Aregood that the real estate taxes, which were due to the Borough from Sears Holdings, were received in 04/18. Attorney Aregood stated that since the Borough received these tax payments, the Borough has no claim in the Sears bankruptcy.

Attorney Aregood stated he received a letter dated 02/25/2019 from Marshall Dennehey, the law firm representing the insurance company in the Keith Urbanski lawsuit against the Borough. The attorney for Marshall Dennehey stated that the lawsuit has been resolved.

Attorney Aregood stated there has been no further progress in the Deborah Shannon lawsuit against the Borough, since Ms. Shannon has made herself unavailable in this matter.

POLICE REPORT: The Hanover Township Police Report for 02/2019 was read by the Mayor. There were 7 calls during the month. All calls for service expended 4.4 man-hours. Total hours also do not include time spent on routine patrol of the Borough and conducting spot checks at the bus stops. Special aggressive driving enforcement details will occur in late March and April.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor stated that the yearly inspection of fire extinguishers by Cintas was completed. The final cost for three (3) extinguishers was \$31.95.

The mayor stated that 03/26/2019 is the scheduled day of consideration of approval for LSA Grants by the Commonwealth Financing Authority (CFA) in Harrisburg. He will be notified of our results. The CFA holds fiduciary responsibility over the funding programs and investments in Pennsylvania's economic growth. The CFA consists of seven board members, four legislative appointees, and the secretaries of the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), and the Office of the Budgets and Department of Banking and Securities. Project approval requires five affirmative votes, four of which must come from legislative appointees.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

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