

Minutes of The Council Meeting

March 14, 2016

The Warrior Run Council Meeting of March 14, 2016 was held at the Warrior Run Borough Building, Front and Hanover Streets, Warrior Run, PA.

The meeting was called to order by Rick Kratz, who also led The Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call: Larry Carbohn and Matt Pilch. Sandra Wegrzynowicz and Luke Matthews were absent.

The Minutes of the 02/08/2016 Council Meeting was read by Thomas Kneidinger. The Treasurer's Report from 02/08/2016 to 03/14/2016 was given.

A motion to accept the Minutes and the Treasurer's Report was made by Larry Carbohn, seconded by Matt Pilch, and passed by 3 yes.

COMMUNICATIONS: Mayor Dolores Mynes read a letter from The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, stating that Warrior Run's liquid fuels allocation for 2016 is \$16,784.64, and was paid on 03/01/2016.

The Mayor read a letter, dated 02/24/2016, from The Luzerne County Recycling Coordinator. The letter stated that Luzerne County will discontinue electronic collections for 2016.

The Mayor read a letter dated 03/09/2016 from The Luzerne County Recycling Coordinator. The letter stated that the Borough could receive \$1,000.00 from a recycling paper-shredding program.

The Mayor read a resignation letter submitted by Thomas Kneidinger, the Secretary/Treasurer of Warrior Run borough. The letter stated that the Secretary/Treasurer would resign effective 03/31/2016, or if Council prefers, immediately. A motion was made to accept the Secretary/Treasurer's resignation, but the issue was tabled.

OLD BUSINESS: Rick Kratz brought up the issue of purchasing a salt spreader. Larry Carbohn stated that efforts should be made to resolve the Shannon pipe situation. He suggested that Paul Pasonick of Penn Eastern Engineers be invited to the next Council Meeting to clarify what has to be done to initiate work on this project. Rick Kratz disagreed with inviting Paul Pasonick to the next Council Meeting, and responded by making a motion to get All American Rotor-Rooter to do some camera work, regarding the Shannon property. The motion was seconded by Matt Pilch and passed by 3 yes.

Rick Kratz stated that income surveys should be done on Jones Street to initiate a street project, which could be paid by Community Development Funds.

There also was a discussion of providing areas of the Borough with natural gas access, which would be supplied by UGI.

The issue of hiring a Code Enforcement Officer for the Borough was discussed. Larry Carbohn and Rick Kratz were involved in this discussion, but there was nothing definite resolved concerning this matter.

Larry Carbohn stated that the matter of obtaining a property easement to reach the Shannon property to fix the pipe needs to be resolved.

Rick Kratz reported as Roadmaster, that the salt spreader that does not work, needs to be removed from the Borough truck to which it is attached.

NEW BUSINESS: Rick Kratz stated that the creek along Slope Street may need to be dredged to expedite storm water runoff. Also, storm drains may need to be repaired in this area.

There was a discussion about installing “No Parking” signs in an area on Slope Street where this appears to be appropriate. A motion to install these “No Parking” signs was made by Rick Kratz, seconded by Larry Carbohn, and passed by 3 yes.

There was a discussion between Rick Kratz and the Mayor concerning the purchase of road salt from Cargill or Co-Star. The results of the discussion was that Co-Star may be somewhat cheaper per ton, but larger amounts must be purchased to achieve the per ton savings. The tradeoff is the Borough’s limited storage capacity, and the modest amount of road salt needs compared to a cheaper per ton cost.

Larry Carbohn mentioned to Rick Kratz, the Roadmaster that consideration should be given to hiring an additional road crewmember for the upcoming work that needs to be done during the summer months. Rick Kratz responded that he is working on this matter.

There was a brief discussion of roads being closed in Nanticoke, and the overflow traffic that may bring to the Borough's roads.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Attorney Patrick Aregood provided a Registration Document, which should be the basis of acquiring a replacement title for the Borough's fire truck.

Attorney Aregood stated that the Borough cannot sponsor Small Games of Chance. This would be in violation of Borough Code. These small Games of Chance would have to be sponsored by the Warrior Run Fire Department.

Attorney Aregood received documentation from the Borough Office regarding the satisfaction of a resident's sewer lien on 02/29/2016 for \$485.43. He also received a list of subset sales for taxes dated 12/24/2015 for Luzerne County. Attorney Aregood stated, only one Borough property was on the list.

There was a discussion of the large sewer liens owed to the Borough and some possible enforcement issues that are available when the property is transferred or sold.

Attorney Aregood also received from the Borough's Office, a copy of proposed ordinance regarding the 5% penalty for resident(s) late payment of municipal/real estate taxes. The list of the ordinance is a change from the Borough paying the 5% collection fee to Northeast Revenue Services, or having the delinquent resident(s) pay the 5% collection fee. Borough Council would have to vote on this change for it to become effective.

POLICE REPORT: The Police Report for the month ending on 02/29/2016 was read by the Mayor. There were 12 complaints with 6 cars, incurring total patrol miles of 5,569.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor reported that she gave a copy of the Borough's property maintenance ordinance to Attorney Aregood for his review. The Mayor stated she would visit the Local Emergency Management Office to get further information regarding this issue.

The Mayor stated there is need for a Code Enforcement Officer. However, it may be possible to get certain Borough residents to clean up their property by sending a letter from the Borough requesting them to do so.

A motion to accept the Solicitor's, Mayor's and Police Report, was made by Rick Kratz, seconded by Matt Pilch, and passed by 3 yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mallery Cooper of 513 Orchard Street stated that the property next to the Tattersall property appears to be unoccupied with a lot of junk in the house. It was determined that code enforcement would be needed to remedy the situation.

Sean Levendoski of 545 Front Street stated that there is an overhanging tree on a Borough street, which could be dangerous. It was determined that primary responsibility to trim the tree would be the property owner who has the tree on his/her property. Mr. Levendoski also complained about vehicles racing on Washington Street and the possibility of a speed bump on this street. No conclusion was reached on this matter.

Colleen O'Brien of 306-308 Hanover Street complained of a Wooten property with a chimney and roof shingles in need of repair. She was concerned that this situation could cause damage to her property. It was determined that this would be an issue for code enforcement.

Joan Ellis of 557 Orchard Street stated that a nearby property is in dilapidated condition and wanted a Borough remedy for the situation.

Shannon Wengren of 577 Front Street wanted to know if there would be a town yard sale this year. It was determined that there is no plan for a yard sale at this time.

A motion to adjourn was made by Larry Carbohn, seconded by Matt Pilch, and passed by 3 yes.