

WARRIOR RUN BOROUGH

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Tonight's Agenda Monday March 8, 2021

Roll Call	Present	Not Present
Council members:		
Rick Kratz	X	_____
Sharon Wengren	X	_____
Matt Pilch	X	_____
John Quinn	X	_____
Larry Carbohn	X	_____
Other attendees:		
Mayor		
Tom Shypulefski	X	_____
Solicitor		
Patrick Aregood	X	_____
Secretary/Treasurer		
Tom Kneidinger	X	_____

A motion to accept the minutes from the February 8, 2021 council meeting.

1st motion made by: J.Q. 2nd motion made by: S.W.

	Yes	No	Abstain
R. Kratz	_____	X	_____
S. Wengren	X	_____	_____
M. Pilch	X	_____	_____
J. Quinn	X	_____	_____
L. Carbohn	X	_____	_____

Motion passed X Motion failed to pass _____

- Rick Kratz voted no due to fact that minutes from 04-2016 council meeting does not state he was terminated from his job as Road Master. He was replaced by Larry Carbohn.

A motion to accept the treasurer's report from February 8, 2021 to March 8, 2021.

1st motion made by: S.W. 2nd motion made by: M.P.

	Yes	No	Abstain
R. Kratz	X	_____	_____
S. Wengren	X	_____	_____
M. Pilch	X	_____	_____
J. Quinn	X	_____	_____
L. Carbohn	X	_____	_____

Motion passed X Motion failed to pass _____

Karen M Hazleton, CPA with the Warrior Run Borough 2020 Audit Report

Communications:

1. Warrior Run Borough received their liquid fuels tax fund in the amount of \$17,033.57 To be deposited into the Highway Aid Fund.
2. A resident, Deborah Scott has hired an attorney and is requesting information on the O&M Account and her O&M fee.
3. DGK Insurance has sent a copy of a possible amendment to the Workman's Compensation Act.
4. A resident, Lynette Thiemann at 328 Chestnut Street has requested a handicap parking spot.
5. The Luzerne County Twp. & Borough Association meetings are still postponed until further notice due to the pandemic and COVID-19.

Old Business:

1. A motion to approve a new handicap parking permit that was requested by a resident, Lynette Thiemann at 328 Chestnut Street. The application was dropped off at Rick Kratz’s residence and submitted to the borough secretary, pending councils approval.

1st motion made by: J.Q. 2nd motion made by: R.K.

	Yes	No	Abstain
R. Kratz	X	_____	_____
S. Wengren	X	_____	_____
M. Pilch	X	_____	_____
J. Quinn	X	_____	_____
L. Carbohn	X	_____	_____

Motion passed X Motion failed to pass _____

2. A motion to pay Karen M Hazleton for the 2020 audit in the amount of \$3,500.00 to be paid from the General Fund.

1st motion made by: M.P. 2nd motion made by: S.W.

	Yes	No	Abstain
R. Kratz	X	_____	_____
S. Wengren	X	_____	_____
M. Pilch	X	_____	_____
J. Quinn	X	_____	_____
L. Carbohn	X	_____	_____

Motion passed X Motion failed to pass _____

3. A motion to ratify the payment to the Prothonotary Office for 17 liens filed in Warrior Run Borough in the amount of \$658.75 To be paid from the General Fund.

1st motion made by: S.W. 2nd motion made by: R.K.

	Yes	No	Abstain
R. Kratz	X	_____	_____
S. Wengren	X	_____	_____
M. Pilch	X	_____	_____
J. Quinn	X	_____	_____
L. Carbohn	X	_____	_____

Motion passed X Motion failed to pass _____

4. A motion to ratify an additional fee of \$192.00 to Barber Ford for the cost of the dual battery kit for the F550 dump truck. To be paid from Highway Aid.

1st motion made by: R.K. 2nd motion made by: S.W.

	Yes	No	Abstain
R. Kratz	X	_____	_____
S. Wengren	X	_____	_____
M. Pilch	X	_____	_____
J. Quinn	X	_____	_____
L. Carbohn	X	_____	_____

Motion passed X Motion failed to pass _____

5. A motion to purchase a new cutting edge for the plow on the F250 pickup truck. To be purchased from C&S Auto at a cost of \$150.00 To be paid from Highway Aid.

1st motion made by: M.P.

2nd motion made by: R.K.

	Yes	No	Abstain
R. Kratz	X	_____	_____
S. Wengren	X	_____	_____
M. Pilch	X	_____	_____
J. Quinn	X	_____	_____
L. Carbohn	X	_____	_____

Motion passed X

Motion failed to pass _____

6. A motion to pay the annual sewer use fee to Hanover Twp. in the amount of \$3,030.50 To be paid from the Sewer Fund.

1st motion made by: R.K.

2nd motion made by: J.Q.

	Yes	No	Abstain
R. Kratz	X	_____	_____
S. Wengren	X	_____	_____
M. Pilch	X	_____	_____
J. Quinn	X	_____	_____
L. Carbohn	X	_____	_____

Motion passed X

Motion failed to pass _____

New Business:

1. A motion to install a new dual battery kit in the F250 pickup truck in the amount of \$1,400.00. To be installed at Barber Ford and be paid from Highway Aid.

1st motion made by: S.W.

2nd motion made by: R.K.

	Yes	No	Abstain
R. Kratz	X	_____	_____
S. Wengren	X	_____	_____
M. Pilch	X	_____	_____
J. Quinn	X	_____	_____
L. Carbohn	X	_____	_____

Motion passed X

Motion failed to pass _____

2. A motion to advertise in the Times Leader and the Citizen's Voice, the new ordinance amending ordinance #4 of 2012 which is amending and imposing the maximum penalties for code violations.

1st motion made by: M.P.

2nd motion made by: S.W.

	Yes	No	Abstain
R. Kratz	_____	X	_____
S. Wengren	X	_____	_____
M. Pilch	X	_____	_____
J. Quinn	X	_____	_____
L. Carbohn	X	_____	_____

Motion passed X

Motion failed to pass _____

3. A motion to have Hillman Securities install Security IP-CCTV system in and on the borough building at the cost of \$2,995.00 To be paid from the General Fund.

1st motion made by: S.W

2nd motion made by: M.P.

	Yes	No	Abstain
R. Kratz	_____	X	_____
S. Wengren	X	_____	_____
M. Pilch	X	_____	_____
J. Quinn	X	_____	_____
L. Carbohn	X	_____	_____

Motion passed X

Motion failed to pass _____

4. A motion to have Hillman Securities install a security alarm system on the borough office door at a cost of \$195.00 and a monthly fee of \$30.00 To be paid annually at a cost of \$360.00 All to be paid from the General Fund.

1st motion made by: S.W.

2nd motion made by: M.P.

	Yes	No	Abstain
R. Kratz	_____	X	_____
S. Wengren	X	_____	_____
M. Pilch	X	_____	_____
J. Quinn	_____	_____	X
L. Carbohn	X	_____	_____

Motion passed X

Motion failed to pass _____

5. A motion to pay W.V.S.A. \$ 316.00 for payment of processing lein letters sent to Warrior Run residents from 2017 & 2019. Payment will be made from general fund.

1st motion made by: R.K.

2nd motion made by: J.Q.

	Yes	No	Abstain
R. Kratz	X	___	___
S. Wengren	X	___	___
M. Pilch	X	___	___
J. Quinn	X	___	___
L. Carbohn	X	___	___

Motion passed X

Motion failed to pass _____

Attorney Aregood Topics:

1. Attorney Aregood stated per Borough ethical standards, all official Borough paperwork including Handicap paperwork filing should be addressed at the Borough office through the secretary. Transactions should not take place at council members residence. This was addressed at the Thiemann's Handicap paperwork / payment being dropped off at Councilman's Rick Kratz's residence. Atty. Aregood cautioned that this is not proper Borough Business practice and should cease to create future problems.
2. A resident, Rick Tattersall, contacted Attorney Aregood regarding his delinquent sewer O&M bill. As per council, he should contact Creditech as they were hired by the borough to collect on delinquent sewer fees. Atty. Aregood had an extensive conversation with Mr. Tattersall and recommended that he contact Creditech directly and set up a payment schedule. Mr. Tattersall was present at the council meeting, and Atty. Aregood informed him that he could contact Atty. Aregood either during the process or after the payment schedule is set up with Creditech. Atty. Aregood also stated the normal procedure for the collection of past due municipal bills is to pay the oldest bills first and proceed toward the most recent.
3. Atty. Aregood gave an update on the status of Jason Leipart's blighted property on Front Street. He stated there has been no progress on the issue due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Magistrate Halesey has been unable to reschedule a hearing for Mr. Leiphart.
4. Atty Aregood gave an update on Herbert Wooton's Hanover Street property. Mr. Wooton has not been co-operative and has discharged his attorney on the case. Atty. Aregood advised that the move in his case would be to set up recurring monetary fines by Magistrate Halesey, until the issue is resolved.

5. Atty. Aregood had conversations with two qualified sewer authority officers regarding sewer code violations in the borough. Both officers stated they have no authority to enforce code violations pertaining to borough ordinances. Atty. Aregood stated that a case for the violations would have to get a Magistrate's ruling on the issue. The enforcement of the ruling would have to be done by the borough's code enforcement officer thru citation.

6. Atty. Aregood provided an update on the Deborah Scott case of 395 Hanover Street and her delinquent sewer O&M bill of \$14,596.89. Council was provided with a certified letter dated February 10,2021 from her Atty. Robert Davison, Esq. In summary Ms. Scott's attorney is requesting formal evidence of a permanent easement for the installation of the sanitary sewer line thru Ms. Scott's property. In addition, the request includes any other documents demonstrating the lawful installation of the sewer line thru Ms. Scott's property and imposition of the sewer O&M fee.

Atty Aregood stated that Ms. Scott has benefitted for approximately 30 years by having use of the borough's sewage system. There appears to be no formal document granting an easement to the borough for installation of sewers on her property. Consequently, there is no evidence showing a relief of future sewer O&M charges by the borough to Ms. Scott, for the granting of such easement.

Atty Aregood stated Ms. Scott could file a case against the borough, which may or may not end up in a resolution. It is possible a favorable outcome for Ms. Scott could result in a claim against the borough.

7. Atty. Aregood informed council that he currently has not received an executed deed for the transfer of the ball field to the borough from Earth Conservancy.

POLICE REPORT: ON FILE

03/08/2021 Mayor's Report:

1. THE 2019 LSA GRANT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 23, 2021. I WAS CONTACTED BY HARRISBURG TO SUPPLY UPDATED PAPERWORK INCLUDING INVOICES DUE TO THE FACT THAT DATES & INVOICES REFLECT 2019 & 2020 INFORMATION. DISCUSSIONS WITH YUDICHAK'S OFFICE, INFORMED A NEW FORMAT MAYBE UNVEIL FOR THE LSA GRANT. I EXPRESSED OUR CONCERNS FOR NEEDED EQUIPMENT NECESSARY FOR BOROUGH'S MAINTENANCE, UPKEEP, & EMERGENCIES.

2. ALSO HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH PENNDOT, YUDICHAK'S & MULLERY'S OFFICE DETAILING COLLAPSED STORM DRAINS ON HANOVER STREET. THEY WILL GET TOGETHER & FORM PLAN. I STATED THE CONDITION OF THE DRAINS ARE A RESULT OF INCREASED TRUCK, HEAVY EQUIPMENT TRAFFIC TRAVELING THRU WARRIOR RUN HANDLING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE HANOVER SECTION OF NANTICOKE INDUSTRIAL PARK. ALSO REROUTING TRAFFIC IN CONSTRUCTING THE ROUNDABOUTS HAD A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON HANOVER STREET.

2. WARRIOR RUN CROSSING GUARDS WILL RESUME DUTIES MARCH 15, 2021. AS STATED THIS IS PENDING PANDEMIC STATUS.

3. GREAT JOB BY TED LINKIEWICZ , JOHN QUINN, SEAN LEVANDOWSKI & LARRY CARBOHN DURING THE LAST SNOW STORM. I RECEIVED MANY COMPLIMENTS AS OUR ROADS, BORO SIDEWALKS WERE CLEARED IN A TIMELY & PROFESSIONAL MANNER. I PERSONALLY THANK THEM FOR GREAT JOB. WE ARE LUCKY TO HAVE DEDICATED WORKERS.

4. MARCONI ELECTRIC IS WAITING ON UGI FOR DATE TO COMPLETE PANEL BOX. THIS SHOULD BE COMPLETED SHORTLY.

5. WORK ON THE WEBSITE IS PROGRESSING. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY WIFE THERESA AS WE HAVE SAVED THE BOROUGH OVER 4 HOURS OF CHARGES AT \$75 PER HOUR. OVER 100 FILES HAVE BEEN RENAMED, FORMATTED, SCANNED, RETYPED AND UPLOADED TO THE HARRISBURG COMPANY BUILDING OUR WEBSITE. I HAVE HAD MULTIPLE CONVERSATION & WORK IS PROGRESSING & REQUIREMENTS ARE MET. HARRISBURG IS UPDATING THEIR INFORMATION PROCESS & EXPECT EVERYONE TO COMPLY.

6. MAGISTRATE'S OFFICE SHOULD OPEN IN MARCH. WE WILL PROCEED WITH CASES ON DOCKET. ATTY. AREGOOD & CODE OFFICER GREG GULICK ARE ADVISED OF DATES SCHEDULED. SPRING IS NEAR, PLEASE CLEAN UP YOUR PROPERTY AS OUR FESTIVAL IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 30, & 31 DEPENDING ON COVID REGULATIONS. WE SHOULD MAKE A GOOD IMPRESSION TO VISITORS, VENDORS, NEIGHBORING TOWNSHIPS, PRESS & OTHERS. BE PROUD OF YOUR BOROUGH.

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

1st motion made by: S.W.

2nd motion made by: M.P.

	Yes	No	Abstain
R. Kratz	X	_____	_____
S. Wengren	X	_____	_____
M. Pilch	X	_____	_____
J. Quinn	X	_____	_____
L. Carbohn	X	_____	_____

Motion passed X

Motion failed to pass _____

Council Final Comment:

1. Update on the storm drains and pipe on Hanover Street by the pump station, all parties are in agreement that it should be replaced and they are discussing where the funding will come from.
2. Update on Tom Bath and Justin Naperasky that they would prefer to stay as private contractors to do the snow removal for Warrior Run Borough.
3. Update on Marconi Electrician with the installation of the breaker box in the borough building. The electricians are currently working with UGI to coordinate on a date to do the installation of the breaker box.

Public Comment: No public Comment

Motion to adjourn

1st motion made by: R.K.

2nd motion made by: J.Q.

	Yes	No	Abstain
R. Kratz	X	_____	_____
S. Wengren	X	_____	_____
M. Pilch	X	_____	_____
J. Quinn	X	_____	_____
L. Carbohn	X	_____	_____

Motion passed X

Motion failed to pass _____

Thomas R Kneidinger
Secretary / Treasurer
Warrior Run Borough
Submitted 03/08/2021

