

WARRIOR RUN BOROUGH

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Council Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2026

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 Aregood Report

Police Report

Mayor's Report

Public Comment

Final Comment

Adjournment

A motion to approve the Treasurer’s report from February 1, 2026, through February 28, 2026.

1st motion made by: LC

2nd motion made by MP

	Yes	No	Abstain
L. Carbohn	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
R. Kratz	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>
M. Pilch	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
J. Gordon	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
J. Quinn	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion passed

Motion failed

Communications

On 02/27/2026, Warrior Run Borough received a communication from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation a Notice of Payment Liquid Fuels in March 2026. A total of \$16,056.59 was deposited into the Highway Aid Fund on Monday, 03/02/2026. The payment reflects an increase of \$344.57 from the estimated allocation of \$15,712.02 (reported to the Borough in November 2025).

On 03/05/2026, Warrior Run Borough received communication regarding the Borough’s Local Share Account (LSA) Statewide commitment letter and contract, in the amount of \$408,000.00, for Front Street Paving and Sewer Improvements. The grant agreement was electronically signed upon receipt of this information; no further action is needed at this time.

On 03/06/2026, Warrior Run Borough received an email communication, from PennEastern Engineers to RLE Enterprises regarding the Chestnut Street project. A request was made, on behalf of the Borough, requesting this project completion as a high priority with it being completed as soon as possible. PennEastern Engineers requested a meeting to go over the base repairs (remark if required), paving limits, and the anticipated schedule for the project completion.

Public Comment on Tonight’s Agenda - None

Old Business

1. A motion to ratify payment, in the amount of \$2,000.00 to Thomas Landscape Management LLC for road deicer/salt (for February 2026), to be paid from the General Fund.

1st motion made by: MP

2nd motion made by: LC

	Yes	No	Abstain
L. Carbohn	<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>
J. Gordon	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
J. Quinn	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion passed X

Motion failed

2. A motion to ratify payment, in the amount of \$26,888.87 to RLE Enterprises, for Payment 2 of the Warrior Run Borough 2025 Community Development Program, Chestnut Street Road & Sewer Improvements-Phase II), to be paid from the General Fund.
 - On 02/12/2026, a check in the amount of \$26,888.87, was received from DCED which was issued to Warrior Run Borough for the 2025 Community Development Program (Chestnut Street Road & Sewer Improvements-Phase II). The check was deposited into the General Fund on 02/13/2026; the check was issued to RLE Enterprises on 02/17/2026 (for work completed in December 2025).

1st motion made by: LC

2nd motion made by: RK

	Yes	No	Abstain
L. Carbohn	<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>
J. Gordon	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
J. Quinn	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion passed X

Motion failed

New Business

1. A motion to approve payment, in the amount of \$1,465 to be paid to Hall's Auto Service, for removal/replacement front end parts on the 2019 Ford F-250 truck (upper/lower ball joints, tie rod adjusting sleeve, outer tie rods, outer axle seal and rust encapsulator), to be paid from the Highway Aid Fund.

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

	Yes	No	Abstain
L. Carbohn	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
R. Kratz	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>
M. Pilch	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
J. Gordon	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
J. Quinn	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion passed X Motion failed

2. A motion to approve payment, in the amount of \$7,500.00 to Ed Krasavage Construction Inc., for storm drain inlet removal and installation of a new inlet (with new frame and grate) on Orchard Street (including repaving blacktop complete with tar sealing around the new inlet), to be paid from the General Fund.

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

	Yes	No	Abstain
L. Carbohn	<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>
J. Gordon	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
J. Quinn	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion passed X Motion failed

3. A motion is needed to ratify payment, in the amount of \$567.00 paid to the Luzerne County Prothonotary, for fourteen (14) municipal liens for Warrior Run Borough property owners, who are in arrears for payment to the Warrior Run Borough O & M account, to be paid from the General Fund.

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

	Yes	No	Abstain
L. Carbohn	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
R. Kratz	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
M. Pilch	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
J. Gordon	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
J. Quinn	<u>X</u>	_____	_____

Motion passed X Motion failed _____

4. A motion to ratify payment to Pumping Solutions of Wilkes-Barre in the amount of \$975.50*, for cable assy for new hoist and removal/replacement of old hoist with new hoist and cable assy at the Hanover Street Pump Station, to be paid from the Sewer Fund.
 (*This amount includes monthly maintenance fees for February 2026 [monthly inspections/additional basket cleanings]).

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

	Yes	No	Abstain
L. Carbohn	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
R. Kratz	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
M. Pilch	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
J. Gordon	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
J. Quinn	<u>X</u>	_____	_____

Motion passed X Motion failed _____

5. A motion to ratify payment to CourseVector, LLC in the amount of \$739.00, for website domain maintenance/support, to be paid from the General Fund.

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

	Yes	No	Abstain
L. Carbohn	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
R. Kratz	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
M. Pilch	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
J. Gordon	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
J. Quinn	<u>X</u>	_____	_____

Motion passed X Motion failed _____

6. A motion to approve transfer of \$60,000 from Citizens Bank General Fund to PNC Bank, to purchase a certificate of deposit (CD).
- Rates quoted: 4-month fixed at 3.5% / 8-month fixed at 3.30% / 13-month fixed at 2.00% (all three require \$1,000 minimum)
 - COUNCIL CONCURRENCE: 4-MONTH FIXED at 3.5%

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

	Yes	No	Abstain
L. Carbohn	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
R. Kratz	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
M. Pilch	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
J. Gordon	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
J. Quinn	<u>X</u>	_____	_____

Motion passed X Motion failed _____

Attorney Aregood Report

Fourteen (14) liens were filed at the Prothonotary Office for delinquent Warrior Run Borough Sewer O&M Accounts, which is a significant amount of money. There was one lien satisfaction received for an outstanding bill for this account.

Attorney Aregood stated the meeting with the Council and the expert witness for the Wootton case keeps getting pushed back. Per an in-depth discussion between Attorney Aregood and the insurance company counsel (Attorney Greco), they may making a motion to have the case dismissed as a claim (this is the strategy they are looking at). Attorney Aregood will keep Council informed of any new developments in this matter.

Attorney Aregood discussed the sewer line inquiry on Beaumont Street (a new home construction (on Hanover Street) is requesting to access this sewer line. Warrior Run Borough owns the sewer line on Beaumont Street; if the new property owner is accessing this line, he would owe Warrior Run Borough the same access fee to this sewer line as anyone else (fee would go into the O&M account). It was confirmed Councilman Carbohn discussed the issue with Sam Guesto, WVSA, Chairman of Board last week; the property owner was provided Sam Guesto's contact information this past Saturday (03/07/2026) to discuss the issue further with Mr. Guesto. The property owner will be responsible to get easements through the affected properties and provide plans to Warrior Run Borough regarding the direction of the pipe, etc.

Police Report - Month of February 2026 - Report on file

Mayor Report

Condolences to Warrior Run Resident Debbie Linkiewicz on the passing of her sister. Her sister passed away recently, she resided in Hawley, PA. Speedy recovery wishes to Warrior Run resident, Geri Wegrzynowicz , who is hospitalized locally. Her daughter, Sharon Wengren, served as Warrior Run Borough Council member. Prayers and best wishes forwarded to a gracious person. Condolences to Edward Sleczarik, on the passing of his wife Deborah, recently. They reside on Orchard Street.

Luzerne County Zoning is continuing their meetings on a proposed ordinance covering data centers. This will cover roughly 20 boroughs and townships including Warrior Run. No data center requests are currently pending. This is strictly a proactive move. For additional information, check the zoning department heading at www.luzernecounty.org.

Again, thanks to our Street Department, especially Teddy Linkiewicz and Larry Carbohn for their combined efforts during very unpredictable and unpleasant conditions last month. We are grateful that we have an outstanding team to handle these adverse situations. Thank you.

The council should be concerned about the low percentage of paid refuse payments, which are due March 31, 2026. This continues to be a problem as non-payments incur additional costs to our Borough. Late fees and magisterial processing will begin after March 31, 2026.

A motion to accept Attorney Aregood’s Report, Police Report, and Mayor’s Report.

1 st motion made by: <u>MP</u>	2 nd motion made by: <u>RK</u>		
	Yes	No	Abstain
L. Carbohn	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
R. Kratz	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
M. Pilch	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
J. Gordon	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
J. Quinn	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Motion passed <u>X</u>	Motion failed _____		

Final Comment

Refuse Fee collection is 50%; payment is due March 31, 2026. Payments received after this date will be assessed a \$50.00 late fee.

- Councilman Kratz inquired if letters are being sent to the residents who have not paid the refuse fee; the secretary responded residents have until 03/31/2026; letters will be sent after this date.

Attorney Aregood indicated this may be one reason Council may want to take under consideration putting the refuse fee in with the taxes; a lien will be applied against the property and the additional effort to collect the fee will not be as much. Councilman Kratz stated you can’t really do this in the taxes; you have one resident who has five apartments and then you have someone else who is a single person. How do you do this through tax? If a person with 5 apartments property

is worth \$300,000 and a single person home is worth \$300,000, why does a single person pay the same as a person with 5 apartments. Attorney Aregood stated you will not miss 50% of your collection rate. Councilman Carbohn stated by raising taxes, all properties will pay more, particularly the warehouse, which will help with the overall refuse payment. Councilman Kratz stated this can be discussed at a future meeting but does not feel incorporating the refuse fee into taxes is the way to go. The Mayor stated when a person is brought before a magistrate, they are put on a payment plan, which can take a considerably long time to satisfy the refuse fee/penalty/magistrate fees involved. Councilman Gordan inquired how much would taxes have to go up if the refuse fee were put into the taxes; Councilman Carbohn stated the refuse fee is under contract – the contract is up for renewal at the end of this year; we do know what the fees will be.

Councilman Pilch inquired how long will the new pavement last (scheduled for Front Street) with the truck traffic. There are signs posted, but drivers don't speak English. Also, with the weather getting warmer, we are in "quad hostage"; Councilman Kratz stated this is the same with dirt bikes on Hanover Street. Councilman Carbohn stated PennDOT placed signs regarding no truck traffic going onto Hanover Street; the same is at the end of Espy Street, Hanover Section of Nanticoke. A sign is expected to be placed, by the former Sear's warehouse building with a turnaround for trucks; the sign is being provided by Luzerne County and Earth Conservancy is providing the truck turnaround area.

On 02/25/2026, Michael Gaizick, CPA, from Snyder & Clemente Accountants & Consultants, completed the Warrior Run Borough 2025 Financial Audit. There were no findings or recommendations at this time; a completed written report will be forwarded to the Council upon receipt from the auditing firm.

Public Comment

Resident Theresa Shypulefski stated there is no way trucks can get down Bauer Street; cars are parked all the way down the street; a truck will take them all out. Council President Quinn stated you cannot even get the plow truck down this street.

Motion to adjourn

1st motion made by: RK

2nd motion made by: LC

L. Carbohn

Yes	No	Abstain
<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

R. Kratz

M. Pilch

J. Gordon

J. Quinn

Motion passed X

Motion failed

Donna Tudgay, Secretary

Submitted: 03/09/2026