

Minutes of the Warrior Run Borough
Council Meeting
May 13, 2019

The Warrior Run Council Meeting of 05/13/2019 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, John Quinn, and Matt Pilch. Luke Matthews arrived about 15 minutes after roll call, but was present for the rest of the council meeting. Mayor Tom Shypulefski was present.

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of 04/09/2019 were read by Tom Kneidinger. The Treasurer's Report from 04/09/2019 – 05/13/2019 was given.

A motion to accept the Minutes of the previous Council Meeting and the Treasurer's Report was made by Rick Kratz, seconded by John Quinn, and passed by 4 yes.

COMMUNICATIONS: Council was provided with a letter dated 05/10/2019 from Paul Pasonick of PennEastern Engineers. The letter and attachment provided information on three bids that the Borough received on 05/09/2019 for the construction work to be done on the Jones Street project. The lowest was from Sikora Brothers Paving, Inc., of \$137,912.50. The Jones Street project requires historical and environmental clearance before work can begin. These clearances have not been received, at this date, so council tabled any Borough decision on this project until the 06/2019 Council Meeting.

Larry Carbohn informed council and residents that the Warrior Run location for resident voting has been moved from the Borough Building to the Warrior Run Volunteer Fire Company. Resident voting will take place on 05/21/2019 at the fire company.

OLD BUSINESS: Attorney Aregood informed council that he contacted Pennvest with regard to Borough's status concerning its payments to Pennvest for the loan used to install sewers 30 years ago. Pennvest informed Attorney Aregood that the Borough is in good standing with Pennvest, and its payments are up to date. Attorney Aregood stated that because of its good credit standing with Pennvest, there should be no impediments to the Borough to begin its collection proceedings against residents with past due sewer O&M bills.

Attorney Aregood suggested one method of collecting these debts would be an Amnesty Program, where debtors would be given a partial reduction in their debt, but it must be paid in a specific limited timeframe. Attorney Aregood stated that the Borough should treat each debtor with the same debt collection standards. The Borough should avoid special treatment for any debtor, since this could lead to legal issues.

Attorney Aregood stated that he has been in contact with Creditech, the Borough's collection agency for this issue. Creditech is ready to begin the collection process.

Council discussed the amnesty process versus using Creditech to begin the collection process. A motion to move forward with the Creditech collection process was made by Rick Kratz, seconded by Luke Matthews, and passed by 5 yes.

A motion was made by John Quinn to transfer the balances in the Truck Maintenance and General Fund Investment accounts to the General Fund, seconded by Rick Kratz, and passed by 5 yes.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Rick Kratz to pay the monthly April inspection and extensive monitoring bills of all functions at the pump station by Joe Ferraro, seconded by Matt Pilch, and passed by 5 yes. The cost of the work was \$2,243.75.

A motion was made by Rick Kratz to purchase two new cast iron impellers provided by Joe Ferraro for submersible pumps at the pump station, seconded by Matt Pilch, and passed by 5 yes. The cost of the impellers will be \$2,890.00.

A motion was made by Matt Pilch to purchase an ADA approved handicap ramp for the Borough building from Flexible Mobility of Plains, PA, seconded by John Quinn, and passed by 3 yes. Rick Kratz and Luke Matthews voted “no” on the motion. The estimated cost of the ramp will be \$4,995.00.

A motion was made by John Quinn to publish a request for bids for sale of the Borough’s 1993 red dump truck, seconded by Rick Kratz, and passed by 5 yes.

A motion was made by Luke Matthews to increase John Quinn’s hourly rate from \$11.00-12.00/hr., seconded by Rick Kratz, and passed by 4 yes. John Quinn “abstained” from the motion.

A motion was made by John Quinn to hire three employees for the Borough at \$9.00/hr., seconded by Matt Pilch, and passed by 5 yes.

A motion was made by John Quinn to purchase one push grass mower and two grass trimmers from Valley Power Equipment, seconded by Luke Matthews, and passed by 5 yes. The estimated cost for this equipment is \$1,012.95.

A motion was made by Rick Kratz to pay the Citizens’ Voice Newspaper for legal advertising, regarding the construction bid process for the Jones Street project, seconded by John Quinn, and passed by 5 yes. The cost of this advertising was \$785.00.

A motion was made by John Quinn to hire Derrick Kline to repair the back of the Borough building for up to \$200.00, seconded by Luke Matthews, and passed by 5 yes.

A motion was made by Rick Kratz to appoint Mayor Tom Shypulefski as the Chairman of the Committee regarding the 125th Anniversary Celebration of Warrior Run in 2020, seconded by Luke Matthews, and passed by 5 yes.

ATTORNEY AREGOOD’S REPORT: Attorney Aregood gave no formal report, since he provided much information on sewer O&M debt collection process under “Old Business.”

POLICE REPORT: The Hanover Township Police Report for 04/2019 was read by the Mayor. There were 17 calls during the month. All calls for service expended 12.4 man hours. Total hours do not include time spent on routine patrol of the Borough. Seatbelt enforcement will begin the middle of 05/2019 through early 06/2019.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Borough expects to receive paperwork from Harrisburg regarding the LSA Grant to purchase two new trucks for the Borough. The grant amount is \$100,000.00.

The Borough sent significant amounts of paper trash to be shredded at the Nanticoke Shredding Process. Gerald Mullery's office was a great help in acquiring the recent LSA Grant and advancing Warrior Run on the PennDOT list to have Beaumont and Hanover Street potholes patched.

The Mayor is going to meet with the Warrior Run Fire Company to discuss plans for the upcoming 125th anniversary of Warrior Run Borough.

The Mayor stated there has been some response by Borough residents cited by Greg Gulick for property cleanup.

The road crew, including John Quinn and Larry Carbohn did significant work in cleaning up Slope and upper Beaumont Streets of debris caused by a recent storm.

Tuesday, 05/21/2019 is Election Day and voting will take place at the Warrior Run Fire Hall.

A motion to accept Attorney Aregood's, the Police and Mayor's reports was made by John Quinn, seconded by Luke Matthews, and passed by 5 yes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Tom Price, a Borough resident, made an inquiry about the potential upcoming sale of used Borough vehicles. Council informed him that a bid process would be involved in such a sale.

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