

WARRIOR RUN BOROUGH

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Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday,

October 11, 2022

Meeting Called to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approval

Treasurer Report of Previous Month

Communications

Old Business

New Business

Attorney Patrick J. Aregood Report

Police Report

Mayor's Report

Public & Final Comment

Adjournment

Council Meeting Minutes

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Roll Call **Present** **Not Present**

Council Members:

Larry Carbohn, President	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Sharon Wengren, Vice-President	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Sandy Wegrzynowicz	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Matt Pilch	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
John Quinn, Public Works Supervisor	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

Other Attendees:

Mayor, Tom Shypulefski	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Attorney, Patrick Aregood	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Treasurer, Karen Hazleton	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Secretary, Donna Tudgay	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

A motion to approve the minutes from September 12, 2022, Meeting.

1st motion made by: S. Wengren 2nd motion made by JQ

	Yes	No	Abstain
S. Wengren	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Sandy Wegrzynowicz	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
M. Pilch	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
J. Quinn	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
L. Carbohn	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion passed X

Motion failed

A motion to approve the Treasurer’s report from September 1, 2022, through September 30, 2022.

1st motion made by: MP

2nd motion made by: S. Wengren

	Yes	No	Abstain
S. Wengren	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Sandy Wegrzynowicz	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
M. Pilch	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
J. Quinn	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
L. Carbohn	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion passed X

Motion failed

Communications

Paul Pasonick, PennEastern Engineers, attended meeting at WVSA on 09282022 regarding any new additional sewer hookups in Warrior Run Borough. He advised WVSA board he was not aware of any new hooks ups, other than if someone purchased a property from Earth Conservancy on the backside of Slope Street (which could possibly be 15 EDUs). This meeting was requested by WVSA for the Sans Souci Parkway Force Main Replacement Project; Warrior Run Borough was the only borough in attendance.

Nick Cain, owner of late mother’s property at 565 Front Street, notified the Borough the property is sold. He stated he anticipates the O & M Sewer past due amount to be settled by the end of the month (current past due amount is \$5,447.13).

A piece of correspondence came in from the state regarding Act 57, which has to do with delinquent real estate taxes. The Borough may or may not have to pass a new ordinance regarding this matter.

Old Business

1. A motion to approve Mayor Tom Shypulefski to submit the bid and associated fees, for the 2023 LSA Grant, which will be the project on Front Street (storm boxes and black topping).

1st motion made by: MP

2nd motion made by: S. Wengren

	Yes	No	Abstain
S. Wengren	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Sandy Wegrzynowicz	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
M. Pilch	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
J. Quinn	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
L. Carbohn	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion passed X

Motion failed

2. A motion to authorize and direct the Council President and Borough Secretary to execute and deliver the certification and request payment, on behalf of the municipality to PennEastern Engineers and Ed Krasavage Construction, for approved project costs (Chestnut Street Project, storm drain boxes and paving; this is the Community Development Project).

1st motion made by: MP

2nd motion made by: JQ

	Yes	No	Abstain
S. Wengren	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Sandy Wegrzynowicz	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
M. Pilch	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
J. Quinn	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
L. Carbohn	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion passed X

Motion failed

3. A motion to transfer funds, which was deposited in the Warrior Run Borough General Fund from the Volunteer Fire Relief Association in the amount \$2920.35, to be issued to the Warrior Run Volunteer Fire Company.

1st motion made by: S. Wengren 2nd motion made by MP

	Yes	No	Abstain
S. Wengren	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Sandy Wegrzynowicz	_____	_____	_____
M. Pilch	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
J. Quinn	_____	_____	<u>X</u>
L. Carbohn	<u>X</u>	_____	_____

Motion passed X

Motion failed _____

4. A motion to pay Roto Rooter (pending invoice) and Pumping Solutions (\$942.00), for the work completed in the cleaning of the wet well at the pump station, to be paid from the Sewer Fund.

1st motion made by: MP 2nd motion made by: S. Wengren

	Yes	No	Abstain
S. Wengren	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Sandy Wegrzynowicz	_____	_____	_____
M. Pilch	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
J. Quinn	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
L. Carbohn	<u>X</u>	_____	_____

Motion passed X

Motion failed _____

New Business

1. A motion to approve Mayor Tom Shypulefski to secure an emergency line of credit for Warrior Run Borough, from M & T Bank, in the amount of \$120,000.

1st motion made by: MP

2nd motion made by: S. Wengren

	Yes	No	Abstain
S. Wengren	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Sandy Wegrzynowicz	_____	_____	_____
M. Pilch	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
J. Quinn	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
L. Carbohn	<u>X</u>	_____	_____

Motion passed X

Motion failed _____

Attorney Aregood Report - No report

Police Report - Month of September 2022 - Report on file

Mayor Report

1. LSA Grant was submitted for Warrior Run Borough. The Front Street Infrastructure Project listed as adding and refurbishing storm boxes. The existing drains are outdated and not proper boxes. After completion, the street will be milled and paved. We received three bids on the project. The project was submitted for the total amount of \$ 146,949.00. The cost of LSA Grant submission was \$ 100.00. The rewards range from partial to full payment.
2. Submitted paperwork to Hanover Area School District regarding partial payment of Tax Collector's computer. Waiting for response from Superintendent's office.

3. Thank you to Stan Nitkowski for his purchasing 538-540 Orchard Street and demolishing the structure. This property was a safety and health problem being brought before the Magistrate Office many times. It was a very tedious process, yet all involved stayed the course. Total costs to the resident estimated around \$13,000 for demolishing of property.

4. Thanks to Larry Carbohn and his crew for the preventative maintenance of the Borough as I received many compliments of removed safety issues. Hopefully we can continue to move the Borough forward in removing and addressing neglected problems within the Borough.

5. Still working on delinquent residents for non-payment of Refuse. This problem causes great distress on the Borough, Larry, Donna & I. Although they will be taken to the Magistrate, the process is time consuming and very costly to the Borough. It takes some residents years to pay previous year's refuse.

6. Greg Gulick & I are working on current property maintenance violators with letters. Magistrate office will be processing requests.

A motion to accept Police Report and Mayor's report.

1st motion made by: S. Wengren 2nd motion made by JQ

	Yes	No	Abstain
S. Wengren	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
Sandy Wegrzynowicz	_____	_____	_____
M. Pilch	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
J. Quinn	<u>X</u>	_____	_____
L. Carbohn	<u>X</u>	_____	_____

Motion passed X

Motion failed _____

Council Final Comment

Public Comment

The following residents had inquiries/comments:

- T. McCarthy - inquiry on what is going on with the taxes.
- D. Mynes – inquiry on how much will garbage go up at end of current contract. Resident clarified amount of mill increase and stated taxes are going up. Aware things are going up; is council aware of how much is being spent. At the end of the day, taxes are going up and there is nothing we can do about it. Inquired on how much taxes will go up for the warehouse. Resident stated playground is a mess and dead tree branches are hanging over it, has requested borough to address issues in past.
- L. Matthews – inquiry on why the ball field is always locked, do not see the benefit of it always being closed. Inquired if the Warrior Run Festival is going to be an annual event and asked if the festival is an individual organization or run by the borough. The grass is cut by the borough, but it appears the festival is the only organization which gets to use the ball field. Clarified the festival organization was responsible for cleaning the monument and electricity was run in the ball field vicinity, was inquiring what else the organization has provided financially to the borough from the festival proceeds. Appreciated council clarifying items; requested to be included in future meetings to assist with future festival activities. The proposed 4 mill increase significant, understands taxes have not been raised since 2011, inquired what is the deficit the borough is trying to overcome with the 1.5 mill increase (\$46,000). Asked if borough looked at ways to cut expenses. Appears paying the garbage the way it is currently paid is the better way to go; including the garbage fee in the taxes does not appear to be a fair solution. May want to consider the 1.5 mill increase next year to resolve deficit; then consider .3 or .4 mills over the next few years to get borough where it needs to be. Understand the 1.5 mill increase, the other 2.5 mill increase is not reasonable. Can borough look at different way to collect garbage at end of contract next year, what is borough's plan for next year when contract is up, and if fees will likely increase. Inquired if the ball field and/or playground be used to generate revenue. Inquired why is the borough applying for a line of credit; what can it be used for. Inquiry on alley being cold patched.

- N. Brandolino – inquiry regarding tree damage his house is experiencing, due to tree branches from another resident’s property, which is also extending over borough’s property and requested correct course of action to be taken.
- V. Bonsavage – contacted Paul Pasonick, did not receive a call back, regarding driveway issue. Inquired what will be resolved when they do have a conversation.
- H. Wootten – inquired if taxes will go up on vacant property if garbage fee is incorporated into the property taxes.
- D. Scott – inquired where the financial report was for the meeting, asked how the treasurer can also be the auditor and why isn’t the solicitor at the current meeting. Inquired how is the borough transferring money to a volunteer fire department, there is no longer a volunteer fire department. Inquired why the police department is not presenting the police report. Stated water runoff from hill/storm drain is coming down on Hanover Street and is causing the plate on the road to collapse.
- R. Kratz – stated ball field should be opened; borough is paying for maintenance and utilities. In reference to raising taxes, is the borough looking at other things to cut, outside of services being provided. Why is the borough paying money to the fire department, it is not a fire department. What about the cost of the work comp insurance (shop around)? The borough is cutting grass and plowing snow for a fire department which is not a fire department.

Four other residents in attendance, no inquiries, or comments.

Motion to adjourn

1st motion made by: S. Wengren 2nd motion made by MP

	Yes	No	Abstain
S. Wengren	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Sandy Wegrzynowicz	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
M. Pilch	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
J. Quinn	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
L. Carbohn	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Motion passed X

Motion failed

Donna Tudgay
Secretary
Warrior Run Borough
Submitted: 10/11/2022