

Minutes of The Warrior Run
Council Meeting
September 10, 2018

The Warrior Run Council Meeting of 09/10/2018 was held at the Warrior Run Borough Building, Front and Hanover Streets, 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 was absent.

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of 08/13/2018 were read by Thomas Kneidinger. The Treasurer's Report from 08/14/2018 to 09/10/2018 was given.

A motion to accept the Minutes and the Treasurer's Report was made by John Quinn, seconded by Matt Pilch, and passed by 4 yes.

PAUL PASONICK: Paul Pasonick informed council of the initial steps that need to be completed to begin the process of obtaining community development funds for the Jones Street project. He stated that approximately \$225,000.00 could be available for this project. The initial steps include:

1. The execution of the agreement between the Office of Community Development and the Borough regarding this project.
2. Advertisement of requests for engineering proposals for this project.
3. The receipt of engineering proposals by council and for council to rank the proposals.

Paul Pasonick stated that his firm, PennEastern Engineers, would prepare the specifications for the Request for Proposals (RFP's) and advertise the RFP's by the last week of September.

A motion to begin these three steps was made by Rick Kratz, seconded by Matt Pilch, and passed by 4 yes.

There was a discussion of the state MS4 Storm Water Runoff Program. Paul Pasonick stated that the Borough has not received formal notice of its application to obtain a waiver from this program. Consequently, there is a \$500.00 yearly fee, which is due to be paid to Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection by the end of 09/2018. A motion to pay this \$500.00 annual fee, unless the Borough receives its exemption by the end of 09/2018, was made by Matt Pilch, seconded by John Quinn, and passed by 3 yes. Rick Kratz voted “no” on the motion.

Paul Pasonick stated he would make inquiries as to the timeframe when the Borough would receive its official waiver from the MS4 Program.

Paul Pasonick provided a document to council from the Luzerne County Office of Community Development regarding Borough responsibility when procuring the services of an architect/engineer when expected fees exceed \$10,000.00.

COMMUNICATION: Larry Carbohn read a letter of resignation as a School Crossing guard from Rebecca Levandoski as of 08/14/2018.

A motion to accept the resignation of Rebecca Levandoski was made by Rick Kratz, seconded by Matt Pilch, and passed by 4 yes.

Larry Carbohn read from an email to the Borough dated 09/10/2018 from Harry Haas, Chairman of the Luzerne County Blighted Property Review Committee. Council members and the Mayor were provided with a copy of the email for their review. The gist of the email stated that there will be a “Blighted Property Workshop” for interested municipal officials on Monday 09/24/2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Meeting room of the Luzerne County Court House.

OLD BUSINESS: A motion to purchase white road paint for Borough streets was made by John Quinn, seconded by Matt Pilch, and passed by 4 yes.

A motion to purchase additional cold patch, if needed, for Borough streets was made by John Quinn, seconded by Rick Kratz, and passed by 4 yes.

The water problems on Short Street were discussed. A motion to hire All American Roto Rotor to alleviate these problems at \$300/hr., for the first hour and \$150/hr., for the subsequent hours was made by John Quinn, seconded by Rick Kratz, and passed by 4 yes.

NEW BUSINESS: The Mayor stated that the Hanover Police Chief recommended the Borough place a school bus stop sign on Beaumont Street. A motion to place this sign on Beaumont Street was made by John Quinn, seconded by Matt Pilch, and passed by 4 yes.

A motion was made by John Quinn to discuss increasing the compensation of the Borough's School Crossing Guards by \$2,000/yr. or \$100.00/mo., per crossing guard. Half of this increase would be reimbursed to the Borough by Hanover Township at the end of the school year.

A motion to increase the school crossing guard's compensation by these amounts was made by John Quinn, seconded Matt Pilch, and passed by 4 yes.

A motion to hire Rachel Mikolajek as a School Crossing Guard was made by Rick Kratz, seconded by Matt Pilch, and passed by 4 yes.

ATTORNEY AREGOOD'S REPORT: Attorney Aregood stated that an organization called "The Twin Borough Lions Club" may be helpful in obtaining Borough funding for playgrounds.

Attorney Aregood stated that he received a copy of a letter, through the Borough's office, dated 08/20/2018 from EMC Insurance. The letter was from a claims adjuster with EMC Insurance concerning the Keith Urbanski lawsuit. The letter stated that EMC is attempting to settle the matter with Keith Urbanski's attorney with little response. Attorney Aregood stated he attempted to contact the EMC claims adjuster with little success.

Attorney Aregood stated that there was no significant progress in the Debbie Shannon lawsuit. Judge Van Buren attempted to contact Ms. Shannon with no success. The insurance company is still requiring her to provide the company with an IRS W-9 form. Ms. Shannon has not complied with this request.

Attorney Aregood stated that he has sent a proposed water shut-off agreement to the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority (WVSA), concerning Borough residents whose sewer bills are in arrears. He has received no response from WVSA.

Attorney Aregood also stated that he has sent a proposed water shut-off agreement regarding the same issue to the Pennsylvania American Water Company, with no response.

Attorney Aregood stated that he has not publically advertised the Borough's Sewer Operation and Maintenance Ordinance, #103.

There was a discussion of the potential benefit and/or drawbacks to the Borough joining the Pennsylvania Government Investment Trust (PLGIT), with regard to the WVSA. Attorney Aregood explained the pros and cons of the Borough joining this organization. The conclusion of the discussion was there would be no significant gains to joining this organization and there may be some loss of financial flexibility with its funds as a member of this organization. Also, funds invested with PLGIT are not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). There is also a \$100,000 minimum buy-in amount to join PLGIT.

No conclusion was reached on this matter.

This matter was tabled until the October 2018 Work Session.

POLICE REPORT: The Hanover Township Police Report for 08/2018 was read by the Mayor. There were 11 calls during the month. All calls for service expended 9.6 man hours. These hours do not include time spent on routine patrol of the Borough. The police conducted aggressive driving details on Hanover and Front Streets. Also, school crossing guard training was offered to guards.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor stated that the Election Bureau will be sending a letter to the Borough stating that the Borough's voting premises must be updated to meet ADA and DOJ regulations, and will be given time to the primary elections of 2019 to make corrections. If corrections are not made, Borough elections will have to take place at another location that meets the election board standards.

A motion to accept Attorney Aregood's, the Police, and the Mayor's report was made by Rick Kratz, seconded by John Quinn, and passed by 4 yes.

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PUBLIC COMMENT: A Borough resident, Lynette Thieman, asked council why her request for a handicap parking permit was denied. The council cited logistic problems for parking in the area of Ms. Thieman's residence. Attorney Aregood stated that the Borough's handicap parking ordinance gives council complete discretion to issue or deny a handicap parking permit in the Borough.

A motion to adjourn was made by John Quinn, seconded by Rick Kratz, and passed by 4 yes.

Thomas R. Kneidinger,
Secretary/Treasurer
Warrior Run Borough
Submitted 09/10/2018