

Minutes of the Warrior Run Borough
Council Meeting
September 14, 2020

The Warrior Run Council Meeting of 09/14/2020 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, Sharon Wengren, Matt Pilch, and John Quinn. Attorney Patrick Aregood, Mayor Tom Shypulefski, and Secretary/Treasurer Tom Kneidinger were present. Karen M. Hazleton, CPA was on the council meeting agenda to discuss the results of the 2019 Borough Financial Audit. Ms. Hazleton did not attend the council meeting.

A motion to accept the Minutes of the previous council meeting was made by Sharon Wengren, seconded by Matt Pilch, and passed by 4 yes. John Quinn “abstained” from the motion.

A motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report was made by Matt Pilch, seconded by Rick Kratz, and passed by 5 yes.

COMMUNICATIONS: Larry Carbohn briefly discussed a letter dated 09/03/2020 from the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority concerning the installation of a payment drop box in Warrior Run Borough. It was concluded that due to the small size of the Borough, this system would not be practical.

Council was provided with a letter that was received at the Borough on 09/03/2020 from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation. The letter concerned the estimated allocation of municipal liquid fuels revenue for 2021. The amount is \$16,534.00, which is about \$1,800.00 less than the 2020 allocation due to statewide COVID-19 expenses.

OLD BUSINESS: A motion was made by Sharon Wengren to pay Roto-Rooter for the annual cleanout at the pump station, seconded by John Quinn, and passed by 5 yes. The cost of this service is estimated to be \$1,324.00, to be paid from the sewer fund.

A motion to discuss the proposed Borough Truck Ordinance was made by John Quinn, and seconded by Rick Kratz.

Attorney Aregood provided council with a proposed Borough Truck Ordinance. It is anticipated that the proposed ordinance will be discussed at the next Borough Work Session.

Attorney Aregood stated that some of the proposed truck restrictions contained will be the height (12' 6") and length of a truck (42 feet), and limitations on streets to be traveled in the Borough. Emergency vehicles and school buses would be considered exceptions to the ordinance.

Attorney Aregood informed council that the Borough erect restriction signs designating the restrictions at the beginning of the portion of the road restricted, as provided in the ordinance. If for any reason that some provisions of the ordinance are found to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, this shall not impair any of the remaining revisions of the ordinance.

Also, it was decided a \$300.00 fine would be given to violators by the police department. Mayor Tom Shypulefski agreed on this matter.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Sharon Wengren to increase the street department snow removal labor rate from \$16.00/hr. to \$18.00/hr., seconded by Matt Pilch, and passed by 2 yes. John Quinn and Larry Carbohn "abstained" from the motion, and Rick Kratz voted "no" on the motion. Mayor Tom Shypulefski agreed with this motion.

A motion was made by Matt Pilch to purchase new Weather-Tech mud flaps for the F-250 pickup truck, seconded by Sharon Wengren, and passed by 5 yes. The cost of the mud flaps should be about \$50.00 and be paid from the highway aid fund.

A motion was made by John Quinn to purchase safety grill light from C&S Auto for the F-250 truck, seconded by Sharon Wengren, and passed by 4 yes. Rick Kratz "abstained from this motion." The approximate cost will be \$250.00 plus installation, paid from the highway aid fund.

A motion was made by Matt Pilch to appoint Chief Joseph Temerez of Hanover Township to be the Borough's Fire Inspector for blighted Borough properties, seconded by Rick Kratz, and passed by 5 yes.

A motion was made by Matt Pilch to appoint Mike Galida of Hanover Township to be the Borough's Health Inspector for blighted Borough properties at \$45.00/hr., seconded by Sharon Wengren, and passed by 5 yes.

A motion was made by Sharon Wengren to allow the mayor to have a cornhole tournament and a possible movie night for the children on Borough property, to raise funds for the 125th anniversary celebration, seconded by Rick Kratz, and passed by 5 yes.

A motion was made by Sharon Wengren to purchase new basketball rims and backboards for the Borough's basketball court, seconded by Rick Kratz, and passed by 5 yes. This purchase will be paid from the general fund. The cost has not yet been determined.

COUNCIL COMMENTS 2021 BUDGET: Council was provided with a proposed 2021 Borough financial budget. Larry Carbohn stated that council should review this proposed budget for discussion at the next work session.

ATTORNEY AREGOOD'S REPORT: Attorney Aregood spoke about the proposed truck ordinance he provided to council. He provided some additional explanation of the ordinance.

In addition, Attorney Aregood filed three satisfactions of Borough resident liens, and provided copies to the Borough's office.

He also stated he has done legal work regarding blighted Properties in the Borough.

POLICE REPORT: The mayor read the Hanover Township Police Report for the month of 08/2020.

For August, there were 8 calls for service during the month. All calls for service expended 4.4 man hours. Total hours do not include time spent on routine patrol of the Borough.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The mayor read the following report:

09/14/2020 Mayor's Report:

1. Submitted block grant application to county in the amount of \$4,353.37. This included request for 2 laptops, 1 tower computer, plus speakers & accessories, ring doorbell, COVID supply reimbursements & advertisement tied to emergency meeting. All these expenditures were cleared with proper management.

2. Many thanks to Pat Aregood for extended hours of time in processing proper translation of fire inspector and health inspector, and Attorney Vinsko's office. This is very time consuming, but essential for proper inspections moving forward. It was hard to believe, Warrior Run never had a health inspector.
3. Informed by State Representative Mullery's office that LSA Grant voting is tentatively scheduled for tomorrow. If the voting doesn't happen, it will be pushed back to November. The new time period for 2020 LSA Grant submission is September 1 thru November 30.
4. Hanover Area is scheduled to start in-person classes, October 1. Contacted crossing guards and they will assume duties on this date.
5. Four (4) properties are up for sheriff sales in Warrior Run. The auction is scheduled for 09/24/2020, 10 AM at the Arena. The properties are listed on the County website.
6. Greg Gulick has submitted three properties for Magistrate's hearings of property management. These properties will need health inspection and fire inspection. The properties are a danger to the adjoining neighbors.
7. We have to be progressive in moving forward. Use all modern means of communication as local banks, businesses, municipalities are preparing for possible shutdowns. Seventy five percent (75%) of Wilkes-Barre office workers are working from home and using modern means of communications, such as email, scanning documents, texts, and cell phones. We have to get with the times or be left out. Email communication is essential.

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

PUBLIC AND FINAL COMMENTS: There were no public or final comments.

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

Thomas R. Kneidinger
Secretary/Treasurer
Warrior Run Borough
Submitted: 09/14/2020