

Minutes of the Warrior Run Borough  
Council Meeting  
September 9, 2019

The Warrior Run Council Meeting of 09/09/2019 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, Luke Matthews, John Quinn, and Matt Pilch. Mayor Tom Shypulefski was present.

The Minutes of the Council Meeting of 08/12/2019 were read by Tom Kneidinger. The Treasurer's Report from 08/13/2019 – 09/09/2019 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 Matt Pilch, and passed by 5 yes.

COMMUNICATIONS: Larry Carbon informed council of the next meeting of the Luzerne County Boroughs and Townships Association. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on 09/25/2019 at Marie's Restaurant, 207 Alpine Street, Duryea, PA 18642.

OLD BUSINESS: A motion was made by Matt Pilch to pay the two invoices from Barber Ford for the new Borough trucks, \$100,000.00 is to be paid from state grant money awarded to the Borough, and the balance of \$10,181.55 paid from Borough funds. The motion was seconded by John Quinn, and passed by 5 yes.

A motion was made by Luke Matthews to pay the additional \$670.00 required to install the new playground swings, seconded by Rick Kratz, and passed by 5 yes.

A motion was made by Rick Kratz to transfer \$65,000.00 from the sewer O&M account. \$45,000.00 will be transferred to Pennvest PNC bank account, and \$20,000.00 to the sewer account at Citizens' Bank. The motion was seconded by Matt Pilch, and passed by 5 yes.

A motion was made by Rick Kratz, to pay Staples, Inc., for printer cartridges and copy paper. The cost of cartridges was \$114.00, and the cost of the paper, \$30.00. The motion was seconded by John Quinn, and passed by 5 yes.

A motion was made by Rick Kratz to pay Joe Ferraro of Pumping Solutions \$320.00 for his pump station inspection in 08/2019, seconded by Matt Pilch, and passed by 5 yes.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made by Rick Kratz to increase the hourly rate from \$15.00/hr. to \$16.00/hr. for employees engaged in snow removal, seconded by Matt Pilch, and passed by 4 yes. John Quinn abstained from the motion.

A motion was made by Matt Pilch to purchase four Borough decals for the two new Borough Trucks, seconded by John Quinn, and passed by 5 yes. The cost of these decals should be about \$120.00.

A motion was made by Rick Kratz to hire Gunner Collum as a Borough employee at the rate of \$10.00/hr., seconded by John Quinn, and passed by 5 yes.

A motion was made by John Quinn to purchase two hydraulic lines for the “skidster,” seconded by Rick Kratz, and passed by 5 yes. The cost of the lines should be about \$300.00.

A motion was made by John Quinn to buy road paint from Sherman Williams, seconded by Rick Kratz, and passed by 5 yes. The cost of the paint should be about \$85.00.

Rick Kratz requested that the weed killer, “Roundup” no longer be used in the Borough. Larry Carbohn responded that according to Code Enforcement, the Borough can use any commercial product sold over the counter. At this time, Rick Kratz said, “If you guys use “Roundup” on the Borough property next to my property – I have guns.”

Rick Kratz also requested that council discuss the upcoming Borough budget for 2020, at the next work session.

ATTORNEY AREGOOD’S REPORT: Attorney Aregood informed council that there has been no progress toward final settlement of the Deborah Shannon court case against the Borough. If there is no further action in the case, Judge Van Jura may remove the case from the court docket.

Attorney Aregood provided council with an example of a request for proposal, with respect to obtaining bids for Borough refuse removal, for the year beginning 01/01/2020 through 12/30/2022. Council was in agreement with the proposal. It was decided that the request for proposal be advertised in the Citizens’ Voice and Times Leader, each for two days.

Attorney Aregood presented council with a copy of the new proposed Borough Handicap Parking Ordinance.

A motion to advertise the new ordinance was made by Rick Kratz, seconded by Luke Matthews, and passed by 5 yes.

Attorney Aregood informed council that he has spoken to Jim Pajak of Berkheimer (Credit-Tech) regarding the collection of the Borough's past due sewer O&M bills from Borough residents. It was determined that the threshold to begin collection procedures would be \$1,000.00.

Attorney Aregood presented council with a water shut-off agreement to be approved by the Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority (WVSA). Attorney Aregood stated that at least one council member be present when a shut-off agreement is enforced. Rick Kratz volunteered to be present, if and when the shut-off agreement has to be enforced.

POLICE REPORT: The Hanover Township Police Report was read by the Mayor. There were 6 calls during the month. All calls for service expended 5.2 man hours. Total hours do not include time spent on routine patrol of the Borough and spot checks at the school bus stops.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The Mayor stated that LSA Grant Vouchers were sent to Harrisburg for final submission, before monies are wired into the Borough's bank account.

Council has agreed that this year's LSA Grant Application would be to replace an outdated "skidster" and to obtain a new excavator. Ed Pegarella, a Borough resident, has allowed the Borough to use his excavator and other equipment when needed. Ed Pegarella has provided many hours of free labor and use of equipment, which has saved the Borough substantial amounts of money.

The Mayor thanked John Quinn's family for loaning equipment to the Borough and taking care of the bee problem in the park.

The Mayor stated that the Warrior Run 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee is selling donuts and gun raffle tickets for next year's celebration.

Larry Carbohn and the Mayor are working with the PA American Water Company (PAWC) on the Jones Street and Boyle Street projects. Paul Pasonick, PennEastern Engineering, is monitoring the work being done by PAWC, before the community development project begins on Jones Street.

The Borough's Code Enforcement Officer is checking for property code violations in the Borough.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Denis Kijeck, a Borough property owner, discussed some issues, which could involve the Borough's road crew.

Sean Levandoski, a Borough resident, wanted to know if the Hanover Township Refuse Department could become the Borough's refuse hauler in 2020. Larry Carbohn stated that Hanover Township could put in a bid for the new contract after it is advertised. Sean Levandoski stated that one school bus driver in the Borough should stop at designated school bus stops for safety reasons.

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