

WARRIOR RUN BOROUGH

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Council Meeting Minutes September 9, 2024

Meeting Called to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Approval / Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approval / Amended Minutes from July 8, 2024, Council Meeting

Approval / Treasurer Report from Previous Month

Communications

Public Comment on Tonight's Agenda

Old Business

New Business

Attorney Patrick Aregood Report

Police Report

Mayor's Report

Public Comment

Final Comment

Adjournment

WARRIOR RUN BOROUGH

Council Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2024

Roll Call Present Not Present

Council Members:

John Quinn, President	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Sandy Wegrzynowicz, Vice-President	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Rick Kratz	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Matt Pilch	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Larry Carbohn	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

Other Attendees:

Mayor, Tom Shypulefski	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Solicitor, Attorney Patrick Aregood	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Secretary, Donna Tudgay	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

A motion to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2024, Council Meeting.

1st motion made by: MP 2nd motion made by SW

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

Motion passed X

Motion failed

A motion to approve the amended minutes from the July 8, 2024, Council Meeting.

1st motion made by: LC 2nd motion made by MP

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

Motion passed X Motion failed _____

A motion to approve the Treasurer’s report from August 1 through August 31, 2024.

1st motion made by: LC 2nd motion made by SW

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

Motion passed X Motion failed _____

Communications

On 08/14/2024, Warrior Run Borough received a listing of 13 properties, from Elite Revenue Solutions, scheduled for sale on 09/26/2024.

On 08/29/2024, Warrior Run Borough received a remittance advice, from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR), in the amount of \$339.62. The payment is in lieu of taxes for 141.51 acres in Warrior Run Borough.

Public Comment on Tonight's Agenda - None

Old Business

1. A motion to ratify payment to Martins Electrical Services Inc., for emergency call/work to the Hanover Street Pump Station on 08/10/2024, in the amount of \$1108.38, to be paid from the Sewer Fund.

1st motion made by: SW 2nd motion made by: MP

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

Motion passed X

Motion failed _____

2. A motion to ratify payment to Draintech, Inc., for emergency call/work to the Hanover Street Pump Station on 08/10/2024, in the amount of \$985.00, to be paid from the Sewer Fund.

1st motion made by: LC 2nd motion made by: SW

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

Motion passed X

Motion failed _____

- A motion to ratify payment to Pumping Solutions of Wilkes-Barre, for emergency call/work to the Hanover Street Pump Station on 08/10/2024, in the amount of \$935.00, to be paid from the Sewer Fund.

1st motion made by: MP 2nd motion made by: SW

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

Motion passed X

Motion failed _____

New Business

- A motion is needed to approve the removal of interest/penalty fees, for two Warrior Run Borough O & M Sewer Accounts, which were paid in full but were not posted to the accounts upon receipt of payment (both from 2022 for a total amount of \$297.00). Payment was received by Warrior Run Borough but there was no communication between Creditech and WVSA to rectify the two accounts.

1st motion made by: LC 2nd motion made by: MP

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

Motion passed X

Motion failed _____

2. A motion is needed to approve a request for a refund of a prorated refuse payment, in the amount of \$77.50 to be paid from the Refuse Fund, for a resident who moved from a rental property (334 Brislin Street) on 08/31/2024.

1st motion made by: LC 2nd motion made by: SW

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

Motion passed X

Motion failed _____

3. A motion to approve payment to Hanover Area School District, in the amount of \$8,318.98 for crossing guards for the prior school year (2023-2024), to be paid from the General Fund.

1st motion made by: SW 2nd motion made by: MP

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

Motion passed X

Motion failed _____

4. A motion is needed to approve a disability parking application for Faye Swortz, 341 Chestnut Street, and the purchase of a sign/pole from Bassler Equipment, to be paid from the General Fund. (The resident paid the \$125.00 application fee.)

1st motion made by: SW 2nd motion made by: LC

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

Motion passed X Motion failed _____

5. A motion to approve Warrior Run Borough Resolution No. 01-2024, authorizing request for the 2025 Community Development Program Grant-Chestnut Street-Road Improvements Project-Phase III (see next page).

The proposed project is the continuation of Warrior Run Borough’s previous Community Development projects, Chestnut Street Road and Storm Sewer Improvements Project Phases I (2021) and Phase II (2024). The project involves full width milling and overlaying Chestnut Street from Front Street to and including a portion of Short Street.

1st motion made by: LC 2nd motion made by: MP

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

Motion passed X Motion failed _____

Warrior Run Borough Resolution No. 01-2024

Authorized Official Resolution

Be it RESOLVED, that Borough of Warrior Run of Luzerne County hereby request a **2025 Community Development Program Grant** of \$ 131,400.00 from the **Luzerne County Office of Community Development** to be used for the Warrior Run Borough – Chestnut Street – Road Improvements Project Phase III .

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate John Quinn, President of the Borough of Warrior Run Council and Sandy Wegrzynowicz, Vice-President of the Borough of Warrior Run Council as the official(s) to execute all documents and agreements between the Borough of Warrior Run and the **Luzerne County Office of Community Development** to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

I, Donna Tudgay, duly qualified Secretary of Borough of Warrior Run, Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the Borough of Warrior Run Council at a regular meeting held September 9th, 2024 and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the Borough of Warrior Run and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the Borough of Warrior Run, this 9th day of September, 2024.

Borough of Warrior Run
Name of Applicant

Luzerne
County

Donna Tudgay, Warrior Run Borough Secretary

6. A motion to approve a criterion for minimal fee(s) Creditech is to collect, on behalf of Warrior Run Borough, for residents who are delinquent with payment to the Warrior Run Borough O & M Sewer Account.

1st motion made by: LC 2nd motion made by: SW

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

Motion passed X

Motion failed _____

Attorney Aregood Report

Per request of the Warrior Run Borough Council at prior work session meetings, Attorney Aregood provided information regarding a payment management criterion for Creditech, to implement for residents who contact them regarding past due balances to the Warrior Run Borough Sewer O & M Account.

- Past due accounts must be paid for the current year.
- The remaining balance is divided over the remaining years for the PennVest loan (maturity date is 01/01/2030).
- The amount per year is broken down to a monthly payment IN ADDITION to the current year balance must be kept current.
- There is no interest accrual going forward, for accounts which are negotiated to the outlined terms.
- Residents will be executing a note, a written promise to pay money, as outlined and agreed upon, to repay the debt.
- A note that has been executed is legally enforceable and creates a binding obligation to repay the debt.
- If payment is not made per the executed note, legal action can proceed.
- An executed note is on an individual basis due to the different account balances owed by residents.

- Residents who wish to proceed with the outlined payment management criterion above, can contact either Creditech or the Borough office, and an appointment will be made for further discussion.

Attorney Aregood will send a letter to Creditech regarding the payment management plan criterion outlined above.

A meeting is scheduled on Friday, 09/13/2024, with Andy Reilly, CEO, and Attorney Finnegan of WVSA. Members of Council and the Mayor's office are welcome to join Attorney Aregood. The meeting is scheduled to discuss the Hanover Street Pump Station and the sewer system to see what they are interested in doing and/or are capable of doing, without commitment by Warrior Run Borough.

Mr. Stanley, paving contractor, agreed to plead guilty to all charges and pay all fees and fines.

Mr. Husti Luca, Front Street, is scheduled for a hearing tomorrow (09/10/2024) for property maintenance violations (including no water [not habitable]).

We were unable to proceed with the hearing scheduled with Herbert Wooten last Thursday (09/05/2024) for property maintenance violations, due to Mr. Wooten being hospitalized on this day. Judge Lupas scheduled the next hearing, 60 days from the date of this hearing to Tuesday (11/05/2024).

Wooten is scheduled for a tax assessment hearing on 09/18/2024 and a tax appeal hearing on 09/25/2024.

Motion to amend tonight’s meeting agenda; an item was discussed at the 09/03/2024 Work Session meeting but was not included in the 09/09/2024 Council Meeting agenda.

1st motion made by: LC 2nd motion made by: MP

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

Motion passed X

Motion failed _____

Motion to approve Attorney Aregood as Warrior Run Borough’s legal representative at the meeting scheduled on 09/25/2024 for the Wooten tax appeal hearing at the Luzerne County Courthouse.

1st motion made by: LC 2nd motion made by: SW

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

Motion passed X

Motion failed _____

Police Report - Month of August 2024 - Report on file

Mayor's Report

The appeals hearing for Mr. Wooton was continued until November 5, 2024, at the Luzerne County Court House. Attorney Patrick Aregood, Code Officer Greg Gulick & Myself will be attending this hearing. This is an appeal of the Magistrate's verdict of guilty in the property maintenance case.

Attorney Patrick Aregood, Code Officer Greg Gulick and myself will be attending the property maintenance hearing tomorrow. The case is scheduled at the Magistrate's office. It involves 525 Front Street property issues. Various citations have been filed with the Magistrate's Office and are awaiting scheduling.

September has approached rapidly, and the council and group should be formulating budget figures for next year. I believe the Borough has done a great job in providing services to our residents and keeping fiscal responsibility.

On a personal note, I would like to extend many thanks to our secretary Donna Tudgay and Pat Aregood for their great and devoted services to Warrior Run Borough. On various occasions, they have gone above the calls of duty in their services.

Motion to accept Attorney Aregood, Police and Mayor Reports.

1st motion made by: SW 2nd motion made by: MP

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

Motion passed X

Motion failed _____

Final Comment

Martins Electrical Services Inc. completed the upgrade and installation to the Hanover Street Pump Station, in the week of 08/13/2024.

Advertisement for requests for engineering proposals will be placed in the Citizens Voice, for the Warrior Run Borough 2024 Community Development Program, Chestnut Street Road and Storm Sewer Improvements Project, Phase II, within the next week. Request for proposals (RFPs) will be received by the Warrior Run Borough until 1:00 PM on 10/07/2024; a minimum of three proposals must be received before any received proposals are opened. Upon receipt of the required number of proposals, they will be opened and read aloud at the Council Work Session for consideration at the next Warrior Run Borough Council meeting.

Public Comment

M. Price: Inquired if Warrior Run Borough is paying Hanover Township to use their sewer lines and Truesdale Terrace is using Warrior Run's sewer lines, does Warrior Run get a break in any way with the pump station.

C. Response: Truesdale Terrace does not flow through the pump station; it flows to Hanover then to Front Street. There are only two Hanover households which use the pump station; they are located at the bottom of Beaumont Street and both pay the pump station account maintenance fees.

Motion to adjourn

1st motion made by: SW 2nd motion made by: LC

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

Motion passed X

Motion failed _____

Donna Tudgay, Secretary
Warrior Run Borough
Submitted: 09/09/2024