Renovo Borough Council
128 5th Street, Renovo, PA 17764
April 12, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Renovo Borough Council was held on this date starting at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers, 128 5th Street, Renovo, PA. The meeting was called to order by Council President Ann Tarantella with the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag. The following Council Members were present; R. Balchun, W. Fornwalt III, David Knauff, Patricia Rauch and John Simon. Also in attendance was Secretary/Treasurer Marsha Davis. Absent: Kristy Serafini-Brooks, Mayor Gene Bruno

PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by R. Balchun to accept the minutes as written for the March 8 regular meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

BILLS

Administration-$16,672.32/Building-$1680.71/Fire-$0/Parks-$466.65/Police-$3284.42/
Streets-$5616.62.

A motion was made by W. Fornwalt III and seconded by D. Knauff to pay the bills presented if the money is available. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

GALLERY

Robert Cozzi arrived after the Mayor's Report to talk to Council concerning flags for the bridges and war memorials in the county. Mr. Cozzi recently talked to one of the Commissioners about getting new flags. He was told that the purchase of flags for the bridges and war memorials was taken out of the budget for Clinton County. He is going around to all of the municipalities making them aware of this situation. South Renovo is in contact with the American Legion to possibly purchase these flags or contribute to purchasing them. In 2022 Mr. Cozzi received funds from Renovo, South Renovo and the American Legion to purchase flags since the county didn't have any money in the budget for them at that time either.

Burt Wilson a Councilman for South Renovo stated they are sending a letter to the Commissioners asking that funding for flags for bridges and war memorials be put back into the budget as a line item. Mr. Wilson was in attendance to support Robert Cozzi's request.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by P. Rauch to share the cost of the purchase of new flags for the bridges and war memorials with South Renovo and the American Legion. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by J. Simon to send a letter to the Clinton County Commissioners requesting that flags be put back into the county budget as a line item. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

MONTHLY CORRESPONDENCE

Deb Pedokus provided Council a copy of the Tax Collector's report for March 2023

Hoy Inspection Service LLC sent Council the monthly report for March 2023.

Tim Reeves, Administrator of Bucktail Medical Center provided Council an update on the proposed ambulance service. The hospital is continuing to work with the involved agencies for this project.

The Volunteer Emergency Services of Clinton County are seeking donations to help meet the needs of the community. With rising costs and fewer volunteers funds are very limited.

The Insurance Services Office sent Council the results of an analysis of the structural fire suppression delivery system for Renovo Borough. They request an acknowledgement of the results within 30 days and any list of intended changes with 60 days.

The Sandy Run Property Owners' Association will hold their annual meeting on May 6, 2023 at the Sportsman's Restaurant at 12:30 pm. The annual road maintenance fee of $75 is due at this time.

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The Clinton County Conservation District informed Council of the municipality's responsibilities for Erosion and Sedimentation plans. For municipalities covered under the Clinton County SALDO instructions will be provided by the District.

The Renovo Borough Water Authority sent Council the minutes from the February 21, 2023 meeting.

The WCCMA sent Council the minutes from the March 1 and March 15, 2023 meetings.

MAYORS REPORT

Councilman J. Simon read a report from Mayor Bruno in his absence:

A $250 donation will be coming from the Fraternity of Eagles for the Mayor's voluntarily removal of snow and grass cutting on their property.

The Mayor feels that a resident of 14th Street is breaking the court order with placing items in the area beside the garage. He is looking into being able to board up this space.

Mayor Bruno was informed that there is a five year wait list for the STEP rehab program.

Mr. Shimp will be set up to pay fines to the magistrate for his building violations.

A new owner has purchased the old Yesterday's building. A local couple will be opening a restaurant in the building and possibly purchasing the lot across the street for parking.

Lingles Grocery has agreed to put up a camera on their building.

Jeff Synder is getting CTA to write a letter to PennDOT requesting to allow ATV riders to ride from Yesterday's to Stony Run. This way no bridge will be needed in Brewery Run. The Mayor would like Council to also write a letter with this request.

The Mayor is looking at an Ordinance that will set up a fine on buyers that purchase repository properties and do not fix them up. Each year the fine would increase.

Roger Hoy sent out seven warning letters and they have all responded.

The Mayor feels there is a problem with dumpsters staying in one place for a long period of time.

Mayor Bruno stated a new EMS Director will be working out of Renovo Fire Department. This service will be ready to go live on May 1. The director plans on working with BMC and Dr. Edwards as well. There will be 24/7 coverage.

The Mayor stated that he can get concrete blocks to prevent motorized vehicles from entering the Railroad and Renovo Rail property at a cost of $4700. With the recent accident he would like Council to purchase them.

Council discussed that this is private property and they do not feel they should be responsible for investing in barriers to prevent access.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by P. Rauch to send a letter to Renovo Rail to secure their property due to the recent incident and to prevent motorized vehicles from entering this property. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration-R. Balchun went over the account balances with Council.

General Fund Checking- $**59,811.94** (after payment of bills)
General Fund Street Maintenance Saving- $**24,404.51** ($58.17 int)
Highway Aid Checking- $**6,619.35**
Highway Aid Savings- $**87,519.34** ($203.98 int)
Retirement Fund- $**15.13** (-1041.22 Chucky Goodling Contribution)
PennDOT Projects Account-$**50.88** (.12 int)

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ARPA Covid Relief Grant-**$126,950.10** ($176.37 int)
Trail Development Grant-$**12,339.14 (**24.41 int)

March Real Estate Tax-$**55,178.11**
March Earned Income Tax-$**10,861.50**
March LST Tax-$**0**

Police/Fire Committee-R. Balchun will email Officer Drollinger about the dumpsters.

Building Committee/Health & Sanitation-Nothing to report.

Streets/Park Committee- Randy Spotts was able to fix the riding mower. V. Tarantella has started to repair potholes.

Ordinance Committee- The Fireworks Ordinance is on the Agenda to adopt. It has been duly advertised and no public comment was received.

Grants Committee-Grant Advisor K. Kepler suggests that Council apply to the Susquehanna Greenway Grant for the Memorial Park Rehabilitation.

WATER AUTHORITY BUSINESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Administration Committee provided Council an amended Policy & Procedure handbook for consideration. The amendments include added holidays and changes to benefits and eligibility.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by J. Simon to adopt the amended Policy & Procedure handbook as presented. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by J. Simon to submit a Susquehanna Greenway grant from the Commonwealth Financing Authority for the Memorial Park Rehabilitation with a maximum $15,000 match. A voice vote was taken with five (5) yes votes and one (1) no vote from P. Rauch. Motion passed.

A motion was made to adopt the new Firework Ordinance as presented setting times and days to set off fireworks as presented. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

Council went into a lengthy discussion concerning making Ponda Street a one-way street. There have been numerous close calls with cars pulling into and out of Ponda Street at the same time with the street being so narrow. Council felt it would be safer to put "Do Not Enter" signs on Delaware Avenue versus Route 120. This would make it one-way from Route 120 to Delaware Avenue only.

A motion was made by W. Fornwalt III and seconded by P. Rauch to advertise to amend the Traffic Ordinance to make Ponda Street one-way going up from Route 120 to Delaware Avenue to be effective June 15, 2023. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A resignation was received from Kevin Dwyer from the Western Clinton County Municipal Authority. The resignation is effective as of February 28, 2023. The position was advertised in The Record and no letters of interest were received. Councilman W. Fornwalt III expressed interest in serving on the sewage board.

A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by R. Balchun to accept the resignation of Kevin Dwyer from the Western Clinton County Municipal Authority effective February 28, 2023. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by J. Simon to appoint William Fornwalt III to the Western Clinton County Municipal Authority board to fill the remainder of Kevin Dwyer's term to the first Monday of 2024. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

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A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by W. Fornwalt III to post the pickup of tires for the Wayne Township tire collection event that occurs on May 19 and May 20. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by D. Knauff to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: Marsha Davis, Secretary/Treasurer
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