

Renovo Borough Council
128 5th Street, Renovo, PA 17764
April 14, 2021

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, Kristy Serafini-Brooks, William Fornwalt III, David Knauff, Patricia Rauch and John Simon. Also in attendance were Secretary/Treasurer Marsha Davis, Grants Advisor, Kari Kepler and Mayor Thomas Tarantella (Teleconference).

PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to accept the minutes as written for the March 10, 2021 regular meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by D. Knauff to accept the minutes as written for the March 18, 2021 special meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

BILLS

Administration-\$18,301.37/Building-\$1071.25/Fire-\$0/Parks-\$246.41/Police-\$7807.81/
Streets-\$3100.11.

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-Aaron Kelley, CEO of Visit Renovo LLC, spoke to Council via facetime about his proposal for a Summer Nights Pop-Up Style Beer Garden. This proposed event would be located at 608 Erie Avenue and would feature craft beer and different food vendors on Thursday nights through Saturday nights from 5:00 pm to 12:00 am. The Garden will also feature vendors, live entertainment, games and sports watching parties. The Garden will be available for special events or space rentals for a nominal fee. Mr. Kelley presented Council with a written proposal that included his plan for zoning, permitting and legal compliance. Mr. Kelley welcomed feedback from Council and answered several of their questions and concerns.

Beth Whitty, Secretary of Chapman Township questioned Council on police enforcement if the Township opens some of their roads to ATV usage. She also expressed concerns of lack of police coverage since the Borough's one full-time officer is on Administrative Leave.

Chief Simpson reassured Mrs. Whitty that Chapman Township continues to be covered by him and that all calls for service have been responded to. He hopes after tonight's meeting that he will have another officer on board to assist him.

CORRESPONDENCE

Wayne Township Landfill notified Council that a 2021 Residential Tire Collection Event will be held on May 14 and May 15. The Recycling Center will accept up to twelve (12) tires free from residents of Clinton County. Tire will only be accepted from pre-registered residents. Registration can be done at the Wayne Township website.

The Sandy Run Property Owners' Association notified Council that the annual meeting will be held on May 1, 2021 at the Sportsman's Restaurant in Renovo at 12:30 pm.

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation sent Council a general reminder of needed maintenance and operations for traffic signals and shared new resources and policies for signal owners.

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Lecce Electric, Inc. sent Council a proposal for the 2021 Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement. The quote is for a total cost of \$1475.00 to inspect, clean and test all parts of the traffic signal. If any repairs are needed they will provide a separate quote.

The Clinton County Commissioners sent Council the 2019 Payment in Lieu of Taxes from the Clinton County Housing Authority. Renovo Borough received a check for \$2119.96 for their share of the PILOT payment.

Solicitor Stuart Hall provided Council with search notes and documents for a property search of 620 Ontario Avenue in anticipation of a future River Walk on Ontario Avenue.

Baker Tilly US, LLP provided Council with the 2020 Annual Municipal Audit and an Independent Auditors Report.

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) informed Council that they have received and reviewed the Soil Handling Plan that was prepared by Letterle & Associates, Inc. on behalf of Renovo Energy Center. No technical deficiencies were noted and DEP finds the Plan acceptable.

Foster & Foster, a premier actuarial consulting firm notified Council they have acquired Beyer Barber Company, a top actuarial consulting firm headquartered in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Foster & Foster will continue to provide actuarial reports for the Non-uniform and Uniform pension plans for Renovo Borough that were previously provided by Beyer Barber.

Geralee Zeigler of SEDA-COG inquired if Renovo Borough is still interested in the Community Rating System (CSR) program. This program was put on hold due to the pandemic.

The Renovo Area Little League sent a request for permission to hold a parade along Erie Avenue on April 25, 2021 beginning at 10:00. The parade will start at the Goodwill lot and travel to the 16th Street Park.

Bucktail Enterprises, Inc. provided Council an estimate of \$604 to install a gas line from the meter to the new heater.

The Renovo Borough Water Authority sent the minutes from the February 16, 2021 meeting.

The Western Clinton County Municipal Authority sent the minutes from the March 3 and March 17, 2021 meetings.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Tarantella addressed the police situation and would like to have an Executive Session after the meeting. The Mayor noted that due to the pipeline that is being put in Western Clinton County many out of town employees will be here throughout the summer and employees and traffic will only increase. The mayor is not comfortable with just one officer in the borough and would like to see as many as four officers hired.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration Committee- The account balances were provided to Council for review.

General Fund Checking- **\$112,383.08** (after payment of the bills)

General Fund Street Maintenance Saving- **\$6056.65** (.16 int)

Highway Aid Checking- **\$6877.76**

Highway Aid Savings- **\$74,856.80** (\$3.12 int)

Retirement Fund- **\$15.23**

PennDOT Projects Account-**\$50.38** (.01 int)

DCNR Peer Grant-**\$2548.84** (\$.07 int)

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Clinton County Community Foundation Grant-**\$5400.00**

March Real Estate Tax-**\$49,555.50**
March Earned Income Tax-**\$8190.65**

Police/Fire Committee-The Committee asked Council to entertain the idea of hiring an additional part-time officer.

Building Committee/Health & Sanitation-W. Fornwalt brought up some parking and garbage issues in town that he would like Ordinance Officer Foley to review.

The new HVAC system is in the process of being installed at the municipal building.

Streets/Park Committee- K. Kepler asked Council to consider repainting the tennis courts at 9th Street. If Council could provide the paint Chief Simpson noted that he could contact probation to send volunteers to paint it.

Ordinance Committee-Nothing to report.

Grants Committee- Grants Advisor, K. Kepler talked to Council about several Covid-19 related grants that are still available. The Hospitality Grant program is taking another round of applications and the Federal Emergency Assistance Program still has plenty of funding for renters who are behind on rent and other utility payments. She also talked about the American Rescue Plan funding that the Renovo Borough will receive in June of 2021 and June of 2022. She is still waiting for guidelines on how this money can be used.

WATER AUTHORITY BUSINESS

The Authority will be opening new bids on May 5, 2021 for the 4th Street and 9th Street water line replacements. The water pump station at 15th will be installed in the next few weeks.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to participate in the In School Youth Program with CareerLink and Keystone Central School District for a student intern up to 30 hours per week. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by J. Simon to accept the quote of \$1475 from Lecce Electric, Inc. for the annual 2021 traffic signal maintenance. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by P. Rauch to approve the request from the Renovo Youth Baseball Association to hold a parade along Erie Avenue from the Goodwill Parking lot to the end of 16th Street Park on April 25, 2021 starting at 10:00 am. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by J. Simon to accept the quote of \$604 for the installation of a gas line into the Renovo Borough municipal building. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by D. Knauff to send Bassett Engineering a letter requesting documents related to the Ontario Avenue Reconstruction be provided to the Renovo Borough within thirty (30) days of receipt or further action will be taken. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

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A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by D. Knauff to extend L. Tarr's lay off until April 30, 2021. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by J. Simon to notify Seda-Cog that Renovo Borough is still interested in joining the Community Rating System program. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by R. Balchun to join with Chapman Township in participating in the 2021 Residential Tire Collection Event on May 14 and May 15 at the Recycling Center in Wayne Township. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

Council went into Executive Session at 8:37 pm for personnel issues.

Executive Session ended at 9:30 pm.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to hire Victor Foley as a part-time police officer for the Renovo Borough at \$18 an hour for not more than thirty (30) hours per week effective immediately. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to trade in the existing Tasers for a new X2 Taser pack at a cost of \$387 per year for a period of five (5) years based on the recommendation of Chief Simpson. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by W. Fornwalt III to move the video recording monitor into the Renovo Police Department office by Murgas LLC at a cost of \$300. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by W. Fornwalt III and seconded by D. Knauff to purchase a gun locker for the Renovo Police Department office at a cost of approximately \$180. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 pm. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

**ATTEST: Marsha Davis, Secretary/Treasurer
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