

**Renovo Borough Council**  
**128 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Renovo, PA 17764**  
**April 8, 2020**

The monthly meeting of the Renovo Borough Council was held on this date starting at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers, 128 5<sup>th</sup> 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; Rhonda Balchun, Kristy Serafini-Brooks, William Fornwalt III, and David Knauff. Patricia Rauch was in attendance via teleconference. Also in attendance was Secretary/Treasurer Marsha Davis. Absent; John Simon, Mayor Thomas Tarantella, Jr.

#### **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**A motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to accept the minutes as written for the March 11, 2020 regular meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

#### **BILLS**

Administration-\$6944.05/Building-\$1282.97/Fire-\$0/Parks-\$512.06/Police-\$3310.44/  
Streets-\$2588.99.

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

#### **GALLERY**

Beth Whitty, secretary of the Chapman Township Supervisors called into the meeting via teleconference. She informed Council that she had asked her Supervisors if they would grant money to the Renovo Police Department for safety equipment from the traffic ticket magisterial monies Chapman Township receives. The Supervisors were hesitant to directly gift money at this time due to an upcoming bridge project and an expectation of declining earned income taxes for the quarter due to the coronavirus. They did however authorize her to work with the police committee to apply for grants for safety gear and protective devices for the officers. The Supervisors will also consider adding grant money as a match to these applications. Ms. Whitty asked Council for permission to work with the Police Committee and Grant Advisor in seeking any potential grant opportunities.

Council thanked Ms. Whitty for her desire to secure equipment for the Renovo Police Department. They will have the Police Committee contact her after the pandemic restrictions are over to meet with her to discuss the department's needs.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clinton County Commissioners notified Council that a new policy was adopted in 2017 regarding the annual use of the County's liquid fuels allocation. The County is only allocating funds to fund specific projects based on certain criteria and will fund no more than 50% of a project.

Renovo Disposal would like to hold a community picnic on Saturday, July 11, 2020 to include a firework show at night. Renovo Fire Department will be on hand and will help in setting off the fireworks for Renovo Disposal. Renovo Disposal is asking permission to block the road way on Ontario Avenue from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> street the morning of this event.

Noyes Township Supervisors are recommending Diane McKinley to replace Ralph Summerson as the Noyes Township representative on the Renovo Water Authority Board. There is an open seat for a Noyes Township representative due to Mr. Summerson's passing.

PRR sent notice to Council that due to Covid-19 restrictions the April 25, 2020 dumpster clean-up has been canceled. They may reschedule this event in the future.

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**MAYORS REPORT**

Nothing to report.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administration Committee- R. Balchun read the current balances in the Renovo Borough bank accounts as of April 8, 2020 and taxes received in March 2020:

General Fund Checking- **\$40,002.32** (after payment of the bills)  
General Fund Street Maintenance Saving- **\$4804.62** (.63 int.)  
Highway Aid Checking- **\$6979.10**  
Highway Aid Savings- **\$70,823.07** (\$9.35 int.)  
Retirement Fund- **\$14.57**  
PennDOT Projects Account-**\$50.32**  
DCNR Peer Grant-**\$9146.36** (\$1.21 int.)  
TC Grant-**\$10,000**

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March Real Estate Tax- \$41,752.29  
March Delinquent Tax- \$6039.66  
March Earned Income Tax- \$9679.47

Police/Fire Committee-The Police Committee will try to meet as soon as the coronavirus restrictions are over to work on the police collective bargaining agreement.

Building Committee/Health & Sanitation-The Renovo Fire Department and Chapman Township Fire Department will be overflow centers for any Covid-19 cases if the Bucktail Medical Center reaches their maximum capacity. The hospital and emergency management coordinators will meet soon to discuss procedures for any potential overflow or community needs.

Streets/Park Committee- The new playground equipment at 9<sup>th</sup> Street Park was recently damaged. V. Tarantella should be able to fix it. Council talked about possibly installing wireless cameras at the playgrounds.

D. Knauff will talk to V. Tarantella about where to install the speed bumps.

P. Rauch has told Officer Foley about some garbage within the borough that needs addressed.

Grants Committee-Nothing to report.

Ordinance Committee-Nothing to report.

**WATER AUTHORITY BUSINESS**

President Tarantella informed Council that the water authority recently hired Gavin Becker to work and train with water operator Tim Gentyel.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

An Emergency Declaration of Disaster for Renovo Borough that was declared by Mayor T. Tarantella, Jr. on March 20, 2020 was brought before Council to ratify. The declaration will be effective until the next Council meeting on May 13, 2020 at which time it may be extended.

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**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by D. Knauff to adopt Resolution 5-2020 ratifying the Emergency Declaration of Disaster for the Renovo Borough through May 13, 2020. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to approve loan Resolution 6-2020 for the USDA loan and grant application for the 2020 Police Interceptor and a HVAC system for the municipal building. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by W. Fornwalt III to appoint Diane McKinley to the Renovo Water Authority Board as a Noyes Township representative to fill the remainder of Ralph Summerson's term of office. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by W. Fornwalt III and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to approve the street closing on Ontario Avenue from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> Street on July 11, 2020 for a community picnic and firework display courtesy of Renovo Disposal Service, Inc. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by D. Knauff to approve the extension of street employee Leon Tarr's layoff that was originally to end on March 30, 2020 until April 13, 2020. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by R. Balchun to adjourn the meeting at 6:31 pm. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**ATTEST: Marsha Davis, Secretary/Treasurer  
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