

**Renovo Borough Council**  
**128 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Renovo, PA 17764**  
**August 10, 2022**

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, William Fornwalt III, David Knauff, Patricia Rauch, Kristy Serafini-Brooks and John Simon. Also in attendance were Mayor Gene Bruno, Grant Advisor Kari Kepler and Secretary/Treasurer Marsha Davis.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by R. Balchun to accept the minutes as written for the July 13, 2022 regular meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**BILLS**

Administration-\$5093.51/Building-\$475.26/Fire-\$0/Parks-\$668.41/Police-\$1051.89/  
Streets-\$3433.36.

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

**GALLERY**

Kerry Stover, Clinton County Sheriff, thanked the Mayor and Council for inviting him to the meeting to discuss a potential neighborhood watch program. He commended Council for trying to make the community safer for its residents. He stated it can be a good alternative for this community with no full-time police force and the State Police at least 30-40 minutes away.

Steve Murgas of Murgas LLC spoke to Council about the camera system. He stated the neighborhood watch program would have trained volunteers and would be overseen by the Sheriff's Department.

There was a lengthy discussion on community-based policing.

**MONTHLY CORRESPONDENCE**

Williams Energy Company sent Council notice that they have been approved for a \$20,000 grant for trail development.

The PA State Flaming Foliage Festival, Inc. thanked Council for their past donation to the 2021 program book and is asking for donations for the 2022 program book.

The Department of Environmental Protection provided notice to Council concerning their responsibilities with Erosion and Sedimentation Control and permitting.

Superior Plus Propane sent Council their annual notification about materials stored at their Bulk Plant in Lamar PA.

Girard sent Council the second quarter account statements and the quarterly invoice of \$2359.90 for the police pension plan to be paid out of plan assets.

Hoy Inspection Service LLC provided Council with a list of activities for July 2022.

Council received an Act 14 Notification letter for an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection on behalf of Renovo Energy Center.

The Renovo Borough Water Authority sent Council the minutes from the June 21, 2022 meeting.

The WCCMA sent Council the minutes from the July 6 and July 20, 2022 meetings.

**MAYORS REPORT**

Nothing to report.

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#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administration-R. Balchun read a quick report of account balances.

General Fund Checking- **\$163,196.70** (after payment of bills & \$20,000 grant)  
General Fund Street Maintenance Saving- **\$200.46**  
Highway Aid Checking- **\$2616.93**  
Highway Aid Savings- **\$71,898.04** (\$2.44 int)  
Retirement Fund- **\$15.13**  
PennDOT Projects Account-**\$50.40**  
ARPA Covid Relief Grant-**\$63,274.55** (\$1.07 int & \$199.39 Extra from round 1)

July Real Estate Tax-**\$15,913.55**  
July Earned Income Tax-**\$2993.01**  
July Delinquent Tax-**\$14,833.32**

Police/Fire Committee-K. Serafini-Brooks stated that Officer Drollinger is now fully on duty.

Building Committee/Health & Sanitation-Nothing to report.

Streets/Park Committee- Council discussed getting a bulldozer to level out the lot on 7<sup>th</sup> and Ontario. V. Tarantella will get quotes for this work. There was also a discussion about people dumping on that lot as well as at the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Park and East Renovo. Council directed the secretary to order "No Dumping" signs for these locations.

Ordinance Committee- The Committee is considering making an amendment for storage of vehicles on private property.

Grants Committee-K. Kepler talked to Council about the CDBG grant application that was submitted.

K. Kepler submitted a grant application in January to the Williams Company for trail development. The borough received a \$20,000 grant for this project.

K. Kepler discussed grant funding for the stream bank stabilization in Brewery Run.

K. Kepler informed Council that there are grants for homeowners to fix up their properties. She will forward this information to Council.

#### **WATER AUTHORITY BUSINESS**

Nothing to report.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to place a full-page ad in the 2022 PA State Flaming Foliage program book at a cost of \$110. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously with P. Rauch abstaining.**

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by R. Balchun to open a new banking account for the Trail Development grant in the amount of \$20,000. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by R. Balchun to sign the Drainage Easement Agreement with Robert Shank of 246 8<sup>th</sup> Street. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

Robert Cozzi informed Council that PRR has began having meetings again. Their next meeting will be on Thursday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Sportsman's Restaurant. They are inviting all the boroughs and townships in the area as well as other organizations to attend.

**Council went into Executive Session at 7:36 pm to discuss personnel issues.**

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**Executive Session ended at 8:34 pm.**

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by R. Balchun to readvertise with CareerLink for a part-time police officer and must be Act 120 certified. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to extend the police officer ad with the PA Chiefs and must be Act 120 certified. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by P. Rauch to offer Officer Drollinger up to 25 hours a week. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by P. Rauch to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 pm. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

ATTEST: Marsha Davis, Secretary/Treasurer  
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