

**Renovo Borough Council**  
**128 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Renovo, PA 17764**  
**August 9, 2023**

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, David Knauff, William Fornwalt III and Patricia Rauch. Also in attendance were Mayor Gene Bruno, Secretary/Treasurer Marsha Davis and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Ashley Sporny.  
Absent: Kristy Serafini-Brooks and John Simon

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by W. Fornwalt III to accept the minutes as written for the July 12, 2023 regular meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**BILLS**

Administration-\$3027.35/Building-\$1833.12/Fire-\$0/Parks-\$877.06/Police-\$2044.98/  
Streets-\$8184.01.

**A motion was made by a 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**

Ordinance Officer Dave Walker gave Council an update on Ordinance violations for the month.

Patrick Carnes addressed Council concerning a spouting issue with a neighbor that is causing water to go in his basement. Mayor Bruno will contact Hoy Inspections to get this issue resolved.

**MONTHLY CORRESPONDENCE**

Hoy Inspection Services LLC provided council with the monthly report for July 2023.

Girard Pension Services, LLC sent council the second quarter financial report and invoice for police pension services which is paid by plan funds.

The PA State Flaming Foliage Festival, Inc. thanked Council for their past donation to the 2022 program book and is asking for donations for the 2023 program book.

The Friends of The Renovo Area Public Library sent a letter of *Thanks* for the generous donation they received on behalf of Renovo Borough. This donation will be used for Special Programs.

The Salvation Army sent Council an invitation to attend their Open House on Friday August 18, at the United Methodist Church, 127 7<sup>th</sup> street, Renovo from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Western Clinton County Municipal Authority sent council the minutes from the July 5 and July 19, 2023 meetings.

**MAYORS REPORT**

The Mayor read part of the police report for July.

Mayor Bruno contacted the individual that is supposed to demolish the property at 215 Champlain Avenue. They are planning to complete the demolition by the end of this year.

The Mayor spoke with DCNR about helping the borough with ATV patrol. An agreement has been drawn up by Solicitor Stuart Hall and is on the Agenda for approval by Council.

Mayor Bruno updated Council on the property at 233 8<sup>th</sup> Street that has the roof caving in. The property owner has refused to leave after the building was declared uninhabitable. Hoy Inspections will need to petition the court for his removal at an approximate cost of \$1000.

The Mayor stated there has been some interest by individuals in purchasing Yesterday's and the Mills Park building.

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Mayor Bruno swore in Officer Knarr on August 7, 2023 and he has started his official duties.

The Mayor met with Station 29 (Renovo) and Station 23 (BMC) separately to try to resolve some issues between the two stations working together to provide EMS services. The Mayor then met with both stations together to air out their grievances and concerns.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

General Fund Checking- **\$100,414.98** (after bills are paid)  
General Fund Street Maintenance Saving- **\$24,634.78** (\$58.72 int)  
Highway Aid Checking- **\$4519.23** (+\$10,000 from savings less bills)  
Highway Aid Savings- **\$78,345.14** (\$210.57 int less \$10,000 to checking)  
Retirement Fund- **\$15.13**  
PennDOT Projects Account-**\$51.36**(.12 int)  
ARPA Covid Relief Grant-**\$127,646.57** (\$177.33 int)  
Trail Development Grant-**\$12,406.84** (\$17.24 int)

July Real Estate Tax-**\$16,413.71**  
July Earned Income Tax-**\$1831.14**  
July LST Tax-**\$1193.26**  
July Delinquent Tax-**\$10,186.75**

Police/Fire Committee-Nothing to report.

Building Committee/Health & Sanitation-Nothing to report.

Streets/Park Committee- P. Rauch questioned the condition of the Hometown Heros flags and their useful life. Council discussed having them taken down and distributed to the families.

Ordinance Committee- Ordinance amendments are on the Agenda for adoption and have been duly advertised.

Grants Committee-Nothing to report.

**WATER AUTHORITY BUSINESS**

Nothing to report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Council reviewed the ambulance service call outs that was finalized at the July 19 meeting with the Clinton County Department of Emergency Services.

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by P. Rauch to approve the EMS box card service calls for Renovo Borough as presented. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously with D. Knauff abstaining due to employment at Bucktail Medical Center ambulance services.**

Council discussed an ATV agreement with DCNR for law enforcement services for illegal operation of ATV's and UTV's. Solicitor Stuart Hall prepared an agreement for Council's review. The agreement has been sent to DCNR for their approval.

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by P. Rauch to sign the ATV Agreement with DCNR for law enforcement services contingent on DCNR's review and approval. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by D. Knauff to place a full-page ad in the 2023 PA State Flaming Foliage program book at a cost of \$110.00. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously with P. Rauch abstaining as co-chairman of the PA State Flaming Foliage Committee.**

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**A motion was made by W. Fornwalt III and seconded by D. Knauff to adopt Ordinance No. 813 to adopt the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code with amendments. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by P. Rauch to adopt Ordinance No. 814 amending the Food Truck Ordinance concerning fees and regulations. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by R. Balchun to adopt Ordinance No. 815 amending the Curfew Ordinance to establish days and hours for under 17 years of age. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by W. Fornwalt III to file a petition with the court to remove the occupant of 233 8<sup>th</sup> Street that is marked uninhabitable at an approximate cost of \$1000. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

Council received a Blighted Property Survey from the county. The Clinton County Redevelopment Authority, is reaching out to all 29 of the County's municipalities to complete the survey to be utilized to create a database of blighted properties within Clinton County. The goal of creating this database is the removal, rehabilitation or consolidation of those blighted properties for beneficial re-usage as residential developments, commercial uses or public parks. Council discussed various properties to add to the survey.

**A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by R. Balchun to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 pm. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

ATTEST: Marsha Davis, Secretary/Treasurer  
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