

Renovo Borough Council
128 5th Street, Renovo, PA 17764
December 11, 2024

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 Vice President Patricia Rauch with the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag. The following Council Members were present; Rhonda Balchun, David Knauff, and John Simon. Also in attendance, Secretary/Treasurer Ashley Sporny Absent: Mayor Gene Bruno, Michael Kelley, Ann Tarantella, and Kristy Serafini-Brooks.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by J. Simon to accept the minutes as written for the November 13, 2024, regular meeting. A voice vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously.

BILLS

Administration-\$4333.68/Building-\$1046.88/Fire-\$0/Parks-\$234.35/Police-\$1636.22/ Streets-\$3558.44

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

GALLERY : None present

MONTHLY CORRESPONDENCE

Renovo Fire Department sent a letter of thanks to the Borough Streets employees who helped with traffic control for a funeral for one of their life time members.

Eric Williamson sent a letter informing Council that he is now a PA State Certified Sewage Enforcement Officer (SEO). He stated he would love to work with the Borough in either capacity as a Primary SEO or Alternate SEO, currently the Borough has only one Primary SEO and no Alternate SEO. The tole must be added and approved by Council.

Council received the Department of Auditor General Audit for the liquid fuels tax fund for the period January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. The findings were that Renovo Borough's liquid fuels tax fund money is spent in accordance with the laws and regulations set by DOT.

The Western Clinton County Municipal Authority sent a letter asking if there had been any interest with finding someone to appoint to the open seat for the Authority Board. They would appreciate any assistance in this matter.

* P. Rauch nominated herself to serve on the Authority Board for the remainder of William Fornwalt's term. It was the consensus of council to accept this nomination.

Renovo Borough Water Authority sent a letter informing Council that Board member Roy Darrin's term will expire on 12-31-2024. He is willing to serve on the Board for another term until another person can be found to replace him.

The Renovo Borough Water Authority sent a letter informing Council that Board member David Knauff's term will expire on 12-31-2024, Mr. Knauff is interested in serving another term as an Authority member.

The Renovo Borough Water Authority sent Council the minutes from their October 15, 2024 meeting.

MAYORS REPORT: ABSENT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration- none to report

Police/Fire Committee – none to report

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Building Committee/Health & Sanitation- none to report

Streets/Park Committee- none to report

Ordinance Committee- none to report

Grants Committee- none to report

WATER AUTHORITY BUSINESS : none to report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by P. Rauch to abolish the grant advisor position currently held by Kari Kepler, effective December 31, 2024. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by J. Simon to adopt the 2025 proposed budget. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by R. Balchun to adopt Resolution 20-2024, USDA Loan/Grant. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by J. Simon and seconded by D. Knauff adopt Resolution 21-2024, Chapman Police Service Contract. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by J. Simon to adopt Resolution 22-2024 fixing the tax rate for Real Estate Assessment Tax at 11.01 mills for 2025. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by P. Rauch to adopt Resolution 23-2024 appointing Dave Knauff and Roy Darrin to serve on the Renovo Borough Water Authority Board for another 5-year term starting January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2029. A voice vote was taken, motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded R. Balchun to adopt Resolution 5-2023, appointing Betsy Kramer HMGP Designation of Agent. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded P. Rauch to approve Charles Goodling's layoff starting December 30, 2024 until March 24, 2025 but may be called in for inclement weather during this time. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by J. Simon and seconded by D. Knauff to appoint Baker-Tilly as the auditor for the 2024 borough accounts. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by P. Rauch to advertise the regular scheduled Council meetings for the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 PM for 2025. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by P. Rauch to accept purposed amendments to the policy and procedures handbook affecting Borough paid holidays and holiday pay with the addition of the day after Christmas to be added to the paid holidays. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by J. Simon to renew the 2025 MSA with Murgas LLC contingent the price per month stays at \$850. A voice vote was taken, motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by J. Simon and seconded by P. Rauch to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 PM. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: Ashley Sporny,
Secretary/Treasurer Renovo Borough Council