

**Renovo Borough Council**  
**128 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Renovo, PA 17764**  
**December 14, 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; R. Balchun, William Fornwalt III, David Knauff, Patricia Rauch and John Simon. Also in attendance were Mayor Gene Bruno, Secretary/Treasurer Marsha Davis and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Ashley Sporny.  
Absent: Kristy Serafini-Brooks

At this time Mayor Bruno swore in Xavier Becker as a part-time police officer with the Renovo Police Department.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**A motion was made by W. Fornwalt III and seconded by P. Rauch to accept the minutes as written for the November 9, 2022 regular meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**BILLS**

Administration-\$4824.81/Building-\$705.63/Fire-\$0/Parks-\$222.88/Police-\$9959.89/  
Streets-\$5425.98.

**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**

Steve Murgas of Murgas LLC spoke to Council about placing extra cameras in town. He has had interest from a couple people in town that would allow the borough to place the cameras on their property. He encouraged them to invest in the cameras now and they can decide later where to place them. Each box of Crimewatch cameras cost around \$2000 and would include installation.

Steve Murgas who previously worked on the police 2011 Ford Crown Victoria electrical issues stated that there are numerous other issues with the vehicle. In speaking with officer Drolling and the Mayor they are in consensus that the borough should try to sell it versus putting more money into.

R. Balchun spoke in support of buying a few cameras to help the police. She feels that because we only have a couple officers that they would be an additional help for them in policing the borough.

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by D. Knauff to purchase three (3) camera systems at a cost of \$6000 and place them per the officers' suggestions. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**MONTHLY CORRESPONDENCE**

Hoy Inspection Service LLC sent Council the monthly report for December 2022.

The Citizen's Hose Company sent a letter of thanks for the Flaming Foliage concert donation.

The Renovo Borough Water Authority is requesting the reappointment of Ann Tarantella whose term is expiring on December 31, 2022 to another five-year term to end December 31, 2027.

The Renovo Borough Water Authority is requesting the reappointment of Alan Lunger whose term is expiring on December 31, 2022 to another five-year term to end December 31, 2027.

The Clinton County Planning Department sent Council a copy of the new Clinton County Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance that will be advertised and adopted by the County. Planning Director Stephen Gibson asks that any questions, concerns or comments be directed by email or mail.

The Susquehanna River Basin Commission in cooperation with DCNR have been working for years to restore the Drury Run Watershed and its tributary's water quality. They would like to complete the removal of the Renovo Reservoir which has been removed from service as a potable water source. American Rivers is interested in funding the designs for the removal of the dam and the restoration of the stream reach. They are available to meet to discuss the project as well as the Susquehanna River Basin.

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Seda-Cog informed Council about the South Renovo Water Consolidation Project that they are funding through CDBG-CV-C funds. They are performing an Environmental Review for this project and they ask that Council inform them of any impacts on wetlands protection or any other environmental issues. Any responses are due by December 28, 2022.

PennCore Consulting notified Council that the Clinton County Commissioners intend to submit an application for a Natural Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit for the Brewery Run ATV Trail. Any land use comments can be sent to DEP by December 30, 2022.

The Renovo Area Public Library requests that Council consider them in the 2023 budget.

The Clinton County Commissioners sent Council notice that the share of the Payment in Lieu of Taxes from the Clinton County Housing Authority for Renovo has been sent in the amount of \$1711.36.

PIRMA notified Council of coverage changes that will go into effect beginning January 1, 2023. These changes pertain to Cyber Liability and Communicable Disease.

Clinton County sent Council a request for any comments concerning the environmental review for the Clinton County Public Safety Tower Antenna and Communications Upgrade Project.

The Renovo Borough Water Authority sent Council the minutes from the October 18, 2022 meeting.

The WCCMA sent Council the minutes from the November 2 and November 16, 2022 meetings.

**MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Bruno updated Council about the Yesterday's property. The new owners need to change the electric boxes per Hoy Inspection Services. They plan on putting restaurant equipment back in and open the restaurant and bar. At this time they only plan on fixing up the first floor. They may rent out rooms in the future.

The Mayor and Roger Hoy met with the realtor at Mills Parks to go over any permits needed to get the apartments ready for occupancy.

Mayor Bruno has contacted the sewer authority about a broken sewer line at the Goodwill building. The authority will investigate the matter further.

The Mayor thanked Officer Foley for his service with the borough. Officer Foley recently resigned from the Renovo Police Department.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administration-R. Balchun went over the account balances with Council.

General Fund Checking- **\$51,571.83** (after payment of bills)

General Fund Street Maintenance Saving- **\$24,218.59** (\$17.99 int & \$24,000 transfer)

Highway Aid Checking- **\$6156.84**

Highway Aid Savings- **\$57,014.62** (\$69.23 int)

Retirement Fund- **\$9345.29**

PennDOT Projects Account-**\$50.49** (.06 int)

ARPA Covid Relief Grant-**\$126,544.14** (\$2.08 int)

Trail Development Grant-**\$20,000.94** (.33 int)

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November Real Estate Tax-**\$0**

November Earned Income Tax-**\$2213.33**

November LST Tax-**\$0**

Police/Fire Committee-President Tarantella and R. Balchun attended a meeting at the Renovo Fire Department concerning the ambulance service. The meeting was run by Lock Haven Station 21. The meeting suggested that all the municipalities may have to contribute financially in the future to continue the ambulance service. The current ambulance service will run until the end of March.

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D. Knauff stated that the Bucktail Medical Center has just ordered a new ambulance and it should be up and running by February. There is also a group of EMS workers established that will work out of the Bucktail Medical Center. There will be no cost to the municipalities for this ambulance service.

Building Committee/Health & Sanitation-Nothing to report.

Streets/Park Committee- Nothing to report.

Ordinance Committee- Nothing to report.

Grants Committee-The secretary stated a Clinton County Community Foundation grant has been submitted for American flags and decorative banner flags.

#### **WATER AUTHORITY BUSINESS**

The water authority will be receiving funding through CDBG to replace the water lines on 12<sup>th</sup> Street. The authority has also applied for a grant to replace all the water lines on St. Clair Avenue.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by J. Simon to adopt the 2023 proposed budget. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by J. Simon to adopt Resolution 17-2022 fixing the tax rate at 11.01 mills for 2023. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by J. Simon and seconded by R. Balchun to approve the easement option amendment with Renovo Energy Center for another two (2) years to exercise the option concerning the pump house structural parcel on the Fourth Street property. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by J. Simon to appoint Ann Tarantella to another five (5) year term to the Renovo Borough Water Authority effective January 1, 2023 until December 31, 2027. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously with A. Tarantella abstaining.**

**A motion was made by J. Simon and seconded by W. Fornwalt III to appoint Alan Lunger to another five (5) year term to the Renovo Borough Water Authority effective January 1, 2023 until December 31, 2027. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by R. Balchun to lay off Charles Goodling for the winter season effective January 1, 2023 until March 31, 2023 but may be called in for inclement weather or any other borough need. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by P. Rauch to appoint Baker-Tilly as the auditor for the 2022 borough accounts. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by J. Simon and seconded by R. Balchun to advertise the regular Council meetings for the second Wednesdays of the month at 6:00 pm for 2023. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by W. Fornwalt III to accept the phone quote from Hill Communications to update the phone system at a cost of \$800.00. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by W. Fornwalt III to purchase an alcohol testing device for the police department at a cost of \$475.00. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by J. Simon and seconded by W. Fornwalt III to accept the resignation of Officer Victor Foley effective immediately. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

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Council discussed the current benefits for part-time borough employees and part-time police officers. The Administration Committee will be looking to update the Policies & Procedures book to bring the benefits up to date and in line with other employers.

**Council went into Executive Session at 7:40 for personnel issues.**

**Executive Session ended at 8:01 pm.**

Council discussed the current condition of the 2011 Ford Crown Victoria and whether they really needed a third police vehicle. There are multiple issues with the vehicle and would be costly to try to get them repaired. The vehicle is also starting to rust.

**A motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by W. Fornwalt III to advertise to sell the 2011 Ford Crown Victoria for \$1000 or best offer. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by W. Fornwalt III and seconded by D. Knauff to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 pm. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

ATTEST: Marsha Davis, Secretary/Treasurer  
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