

Renovo Borough Council
128 5th Street, Renovo, PA 17764
February 12, 2020

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 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, David Knauff, John Simon and Mayor Thomas Tarantella Jr. Also in attendance was Secretary/Treasurer Marsha Davis. (Absent-Patricia Rauch)

PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made by W. Fornwalt III and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to accept the minutes for the January 6, 2019 reorganization meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by W. Fornwalt III to accept the minutes for the January 6, 2019 regular meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

BILLS

Administration-\$12,425.51/Building-\$2380.86/Fire-\$0/Parks-\$127.12/Police-\$2868.89/
Streets-\$2831.06.

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

GALLERY

No one in attendance.

CORRESPONDENCE

South Renovo Borough sent a note of thanks for helping to put up holiday lights and banners with a \$200 donation.

Elizabeth Haley sent a note of thanks for the street department cleaning up leaves on her street with a \$100 donation.

Girard Pension Services sent Council the 2019 fourth quarter and 2019 annual account statements for the Renovo Borough Uniformed Pension Plan with a copy of the quarterly invoice of \$2387.64 being paid out of plan assets.

Comcast sent Council information about Peacock, a free premium ad-supported streaming service to launch on April 15, a notice of upcoming Xfinity TV updates and information on the xFi Gateway with advanced security via email.

Council received the meeting minutes from the Renovo Borough Water Authority for December 4, 2019, via email.

Council received the meeting minutes from the WCCMA for December 4, 2019 and January 8 and January 29, 2020 via email.

MAYORS REPORT

The Mayor informed Council that he provided a new schedule to the Police Department. This new schedule will begin on February 16, 2020 with 80 hours scheduled for each officer per pay period. There will be no overlaps with the officers and every weekend will be covered. The officers can adjust the schedules for training and court cases or if they need a day off for an appointment by notifying the Mayor of such change.

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There is a meeting scheduled on February 20, 2020 with both officers to discuss some issues with the Police Department and if time allows to resume reviewing the Collective Bargaining Agreement. The Renovo Police Association will include all current and future officers in reference to the Collective Bargaining Agreement.

The officers provided the Mayor with a list of equipment that the Police Department is in need of. At the top of the list is another taser and body camera for Officer Foley. The officers also feel that the police office needs to be more secure concerning the office door and windows.

The Mayor stated that the 2011 Crown Victoria is starting to show wear and tear. Corporal Jeffries has been using this vehicle to transport K9 Jordan to and from Lancaster. He feels that this needs to stop and that the Crown Victoria should be left at the municipal building when Corporal Jeffries is off duty.

The Mayor stated that the officers need to find someone to qualify them with the shotguns and rifles. Don Tressler usually qualifies them but he is going to be off for a while with health issues. The Police Committee will try to find someone else who can qualify them.

Mayor Tarantella would like to go in Executive Session later concerning personnel issues.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration Committee- R. Balchun read the current balances in the Renovo Borough bank accounts as of February 12, 2020 and taxes received in January 2020:

General Fund Checking- **\$31,610.11** (after payment of the bills)
General Fund Street Maintenance Saving- **\$4553.27** (.77 int.)
Highway Aid Checking- **\$156.60** (\$2000 from savings for Feb. bills)
Highway Aid Savings- **\$35,807.92** (\$6.40 int less \$2000 to checking)
Retirement Fund- **\$14.57** (.33)
PennDOT Projects Account-**\$50.31** (\$.01 int.)
DCNR Peer Grant-**\$9143.70** (\$1.55 int.)
TC Grant-**\$10,000**

January Real Estate Tax-\$24,442.15
January Delinquent Tax-\$10,627.18

Police/Fire Committee-Nothing to report.

Building Committee/Health & Sanitation-Nothing to report.

Streets/Park Committee- D. Knauff will be marking off spots to add extra lighting at the 16th Street park.

Grants Committee-K. Kepler stated that the Clinton County Community Foundation has awarded Renovo Borough a grant for new playground equipment. They also gave Heritage Park a grant for "Summer in the Parks" events.

K. Kepler informed Council that she started a new job with Clinton County as a Grants Administrator. She will be mainly working on the financial side of the grants within the County and will be administering 5 (five) different grants. She is learning about different programs that are available such as the 211 program that offers rental assistance and other housing needs.

K. Kepler stated that the CDBG competitive is open and no one else has applied for anything yet in the County. She asked Council if they have any ideas for this grant and to think about applying.

K. Kepler talked about doing a feasibility study on an ATV Rail/Trail. She has also talked to Chapman Township about opening up main street to ATV's.

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WATER AUTHORITY BUSINESS

The Renovo Borough Water Authority will be replacing water lines on 4th and 9th Street this year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made R. Balchun and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to renew the Costar's salt contract for the August 2020-July 2021 season. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by J. Simon to sign the Comcast Franchise Renewal for another 10-year term. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by R. Balchun to temporarily store books in the Family Dollar building during the month of March for the Renovo Library. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

Corporal Jeffries informed Council that he found two (2) modular DV1 Watchguard in-car video systems that includes a body-worn camera at a cost of \$875 plus \$250 installation for each. This would be a total cost of \$2250.00. The new Watchguard 4RE camera systems run at a cost of \$5000 per system and they would need two (2).

A motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to purchase the two (2) modular DV1 Watchguard in-car video systems with body-worn cameras for a total cost of \$2250.00. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

Council will also ask Chapman Township if they would like to contribute to the cost of the camera systems.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by W. Fornwalt III to purchase a taser and holster up to \$750.00. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

Council discussed the addition of more repository properties and other unsafe buildings within the borough. Council also received a list of several buildings within the borough that have had their water turned off by the Water Authority.

A motion was made by W. Fornwalt III and seconded by D. Knauff to have Code Inspections, Inc. post as "uninhabitable" the three (3) additional repository properties and 415/417 Ontario where the water is turned off due to its deteriorated condition. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

President Tarantella informed Council that she talked with USDA about a grant/loan application and they are encouraging the borough to apply for both a police AWD vehicle as well as a heating and cooling system for the borough building. Estimates have been obtained for both and they need a few more items to complete the application if Council decides to move forward. V. Tarantella is a certified HVAC technician and the borough can use his labor installation cost as an in-kind contribution.

A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by R. Balchun to apply for USDA funding for a 2020 Police Interceptor and a heating and cooling system for the municipal building. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

The secretary noted that she spoke to PennDOT about the letter the borough received concerning the traffic light poles needing replaced. They informed her that the ARLE grant will replace outdated traffic light systems and the borough's municipal representative can help with the grant. There is no match required but any contribution will be looked on more favorably.

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Grants Advisor, K. Kepler asked Council how much Liquid Fuels money she can use as a match for any grants that she finds. Council felt comfortable with using \$20,000 of the Liquid Fuels money towards paving.

A motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to authorize K. Kepler to commit up to \$20,000 of the Liquid Fuels money as matching funds for any grants towards paving of the borough streets. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

The secretary informed Council that she received \$175 from the American Legion and \$175 from the VFW to purchase thirty (30) new American flags for the Renovo Borough. She will be sending out thank you letters to them for their generous donation.

J. Simon also asked that a thank you be sent out to Heritage Park for submitting a video to HGTV applying for a hometown makeover. Heritage Park did an awesome job in the production of this video.

Ordinance Committee Chairman, V. Foley informed Council that the Ordinance Committee met on January 26, 2020. He provided Council notes from the meeting that included wording changes to a couple of the borough's Ordinances. Council will review these recommendations.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by J. Simon to authorize the Police Department and/or Ordinance Officer to make direct contact with the Streets Department to pick up garbage and bill defendants violating the Quality of Life Ordinance. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

Council went into Executive Session at 8:24 pm for Personnel issues.

Executive Session ended at 9:07 pm.

A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by D. Knauff to inform the police officers that as of March 1, 2020 the Renovo Borough police vehicles are to be only be used for police business and K9 training purposes. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by D. Knauff to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: Marsha Davis, Secretary/Treasurer
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