

Renovo Borough Council
128 5th Street, Renovo, PA 17764
February 14, 2024

The monthly meeting of the Renovo Borough Council was held on this date starting at 6:10 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, David Knauff, and John Simon. Also, in attendance Secretary/Treasurer Ashley Sporny. Absent, Mayor Bruno, William Fornwalt III, Kristy-Serafini Brooks, and Patricia Rauch

PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made by R.Balchun and seconded by J.Simon to accept the minutes as written for the January 02, 2024 Reorganizational meeting and to accept the minutes for January 10, 2024 regular meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

BILLS

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

Ordinance Officer Dave Walker spoke at this time. He spoke with Councilman Dave Knauff about whether not there was need for community service within the Borough. He told Council two individuals were given 20 hours each through District Justice Frank Mills. Mills made Dave Walker their Community Service Supervisor. Councilman Knauff said there is plenty to be done come spring in the Parks and that Streets Supervisor Vincent Tarantella could also find things for them to do within the Borough come spring.

MONTHLY CORRESPONDENCE

Deborah Pedokus provided Council with the Tax Collector's monthly report for the months of October, November and December, 2023.

Hoy Inspection Service LLC sent Council the monthly report for January 2024.

Senator Dush announced he will be hosting a "Meet Senator Dush and an Introduction to Funding Opportunities" series for local government leaders on March 27 and March 28, 2024. Senator Dush will be at the Dunnstown Fire Hall on March 28, 2024 at 8:00 am. The registration deadline is March 1, 2024.

The Clinton County Conservation District sent a Notice of Termination approval letter for the Brewery Run ATV Trail due to the decision to terminate the permit.

FEMA notified Mayor Bruno that Community Assistance Visit (CAV) conducted on January 25, 2024 has determined that the Borough of Renovo is in good standing with the NFIP. The CAV for the community will be officially closed. The Renovo Borough can now proceed to work with Seda-Cog to enter the Community Rating System.

Girard Pension Services LLC sent Council the 4th Quarter and Annual statements for the Police Pension Plan. Girard also enclosed the RIA quarterly fee of \$2539.26 paid out of plan assets.

Ordinance Officer David Walker, who was recently elected as Constable for Western Clinton County, is asking the Renovo Borough as well as the surrounding communities to help with funding for his training and other related expenses. He is requesting \$1200 from each municipality.

The Western Clinton County Municipal Authority is requesting a letter of support from Renovo Borough for the purchase of a new dump truck from the USDA Community Facility Loan/Grant Program.

President Ann Tarantella presented a letter of resignation to Council as the Emergency Management Coordinator for Renovo Borough effective February 7, 2024.

Councilman William Fornwalt III presented a letter of resignation to Council as the Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator for Renovo Borough effective February 14, 2024.

Solicitor Stuart Hall sent Council a copy of the Petition for Distribution of Proceeds from the June 2023 Repository Sale along with the Court's January 17, 2024 Order.

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The Renovo Borough Water Authority sent Council the approved meeting minutes for October 17, 2023.

The Western Clinton County Municipal Authority sent Council the approved meeting minutes for their Reorganization/Regular Meeting held on January 3, 2024 and for their January 17, 2024 meeting.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Bruno was absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration-R. Balchun went over the account balances with Council. She stated the accounts are in good standing currently thanks to recent taxes collected.

General Fund Checking- **\$48,502.81**

General Fund Street Maintenance Saving- **\$24,986.02**

Highway Aid Checking- **\$2,114.61**

Highway Aid Savings- **\$64,362.65**

Retirement Fund- **\$15.13**

PennDOT Projects Account-**\$52.09**

ARPA Covid Relief Grant-**\$128,703.74**

Trail Development Grant-**\$12,509.59**

January Earned Income Tax-**\$0**

January LST Tax- **\$0**

January Real Estate Tax- **\$28,327.88** (Prior year October, November, December 2023 Taxes)

Delinquent Tax Collected- **\$13,764.52**

Police/Fire Committee-Nothing to report.

Building Committee/Health & Sanitation-Nothing to report.

Streets/Park Committee- Nothing to report.

Ordinance Committee- Nothing to report.

Grants Committee- Nothing to report.

WATER AUTHORITY BUSINESS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A motion was made by R.Balchun and seconded by D.Knauff to amend the Renovo Borough Fee Schedule to include under Police Fees, Act 22 Police Audio/Video Recording-\$100/per recording and to remove parking tickets. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R.Balchun and seconded by D.Knauff to advertise the proposed Parking ordinance amendments 15.307 & 15.308 for possible adoption at the March 13th, 2024 regular meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A Motion was made by D.Knauff and seconded by J.Simon to renew the Costars Salt Contract for the August 2024- July 2025 season. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R.Balchun and seconded by J.Simon to adopt the Substantial Improvement Administrative Procedures for Development in Special Flood Hazard Area. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

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Council went into a lengthy discussion about the Current Co-Op students working with Renovo Borough.

Council spoke about the need for another part time streets laborer

A motion was made by R.Balchun and seconded by J.Simon to share costs with neighboring municipalities for the newly elected Constable, David Walker's training and expenses in the amount of \$1200. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R.Balchun and seconded by D.Knauff for Secretary/Treasurer Ashley Sporny to open a new Chase Credit Card on behalf of Renovo Borough and to close the existing Chase Credit Card account. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

Council spoke about the new owners of Mills Park and whether sending a letter to the Assessment office asking for the property to be reassessed should be done. After a lengthy discussion they decided it would be best to let the new property owners get established before seeking reassessment.

A motion was made by J.Simon and seconded by R.Balchun to accept the resignation of Emergency Management Coordinator, Ann Tarantella and the Resignation of Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator, William Fornwalt III. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R.Balchun and seconded by J.Simon to advertise to submit letters of interest for Emergency Management Coordinator until March 7, 2024. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R.Balchun and seconded by J.Simon to move the \$44,000 that was budgeted for the Part Time Police Officer Salary "410.15" to "410.11" Chief of Police Salary to reflect Chief Drollinger's promotion that was given after the budget was passed. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R.Balchun and seconded by D.Knauff to adopt Resolution 9-2024 , Amendments to Renovo Borough Fee Schedule. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by D.Knauff and seconded by R.Balchun to adopt Resolution 10-2024, Clinton County 2023 Hazard Mitigation Plan. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session

Council went into Executive Session for Personnel Issues at 7:05 and returned at 7:27.

A motion was made by R.Balchun and seconded by D.Knauff to change Charles Goodling's return-to-work date to March 4, 2024. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R.Balchun and seconded by D.Knauff to offer a part time position with Renovo Borough Streets Department to Tanner Pettingill, a recent Diversified Occupations Employee with KCSD to work immediately at 20 hours a week with a pay rate of \$10.35/per hour. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R.Balchun and seconded by D.Knauff to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: Ashley Sporny, Secretary/Treasurer
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