

Renovo Borough Council
128 5th Street, Renovo, PA 17764
February 8, 2023

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; 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

PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made by W. Fornwalt III and seconded by R. Balchun to accept the minutes as written for the January 11 regular meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

BILLS

Administration-\$4737.84/Building-\$1092.39/Fire-\$0/Parks-\$151.66/Police-\$3943.76/
Streets-\$3269.46.

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

GALLERY

Kyle Stewart, Chief Operator of the Western Clinton County Municipal Authority (WCCMA), informed Council that the authority is seeking funds through PennVest for a major upgrade to the wastewater treatment plant. The last major upgrade was in 2001 and before that 1976. The estimated project cost is \$13.5 million dollars. Mr. Stewart explained that the Act 537 Plan special study approval process has been initiated and a 30-day public comment period will be advertised. To move forward each service area municipality must adopt a formal resolution approving any revisions to its Official Sewage Facilities Plan. The WCCMA provided a draft resolution for Council to review.

Mark Glenn, Engineer for the WCCMA summarized the project for Council. He explained that the plant is beginning to deteriorate and major rehabilitation is needed. The plant has been in existence for over 50 years and has reached the end of its useful life. With the infrastructure money that is available right now this is a once in a lifetime opportunity to receive all or most of the funding for this project.

Mary George Rhone, President of Heritage Park, discussed the events that are planned for 2023. She also informed Council that a Veteran's Mural will be put on the east side of Tony's Hardware. The estimated cost of this project is \$8000, and they are actively seeking funding. She asked Council for help in supporting this project.

Robert Calhoun spoke to Council about the planned Veteran's Mural. He will be designing and painting the mural. The high school students and Patricia Wilson will be doing the research and history background for the mural. He plans to have the project complete by May 28, 2023.

MONTHLY CORRESPONDENCE

Hoy Inspection Service LLC sent Council the monthly report for January 2023.

The Clinton Tax Collection Committee is requesting that Council update their appropriate delegates to represent the district. The current delegate for Renovo Borough is Kristy Serafini-Brooks with no alternate.

Kim Shainline, Chief of Operations for Goodwill Hose Co. Ambulance Association Inc., notified Council of their intent to provide EMS services with initial funding help coming from PA DCED. In order to secure that funding the Association will need unanimous agreement from all five municipalities in Western Clinton County to fund the services in 2024. She is requesting a response from all municipalities by January 31, 2023.

Tim Reeves, CEO of Bucktail Medical Center, clarified that the hospital is working on a plan to provide these services to the municipalities at no cost. They have secured a grant to purchase an ambulance and are currently pursuing a commitment from a group of EMS workers to staff these services.

Girard Pension Services provided Council with the 2022 fourth quarter and annual account statements for the police pension plan. They also provided a quarterly invoice of \$2360.38 that was paid out of plan assets.

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The Clinton County Association of Township Officials is striving for 100% participation from townships and boroughs to join and support the Association. Annual dues are \$60 and the annual convention will be held at the Clinton County Fairgrounds on June 1, 2023.

Rootstock Racing is having a five-day multi-sport Endless mountain Adventure Race beginning June 26, 2023 and concluding on July 1, 2023. The majority of the race takes place and is permitted on DCNR land with a small portion of borough or township land. This is a fully insured event. Rootstock Racing is asking Council for a letter giving permission to pass through the Renovo Borough between June 27 and June 30, 2023.

The Seven Mountains EMS Council is holding a EMS Legislative Breakfast on March 9, 2023 between 8:30-11:00 am at the Ramada Hotel and Conference Center in State College, PA. This will be a continuation of discussions concerning EMS agency reimbursements, potential funding and issues EMS agencies are facing. Please RSVP by February 24, 2023 if you plan to attend.

The Renovo Borough Water Authority sent Council the minutes from the December 20, 2022 meeting.

The WCCMA sent Council the minutes from the January 4 and January 18, 2023 meetings.

MAYORS REPORT

The Mayor spoke to Council about two building violations that have been brought before the Magistrate.

Mayor talked to Commissioner Snyder at the CTA meeting about people who buy repository homes and just let them sit. Commissioner Snyder stated that we can make an Ordinance to fine the owners year to year if they don't fix up the properties.

The Mayor spoke to the Mayor of Hughsville municipality about items that previous police officer Xavier Becker needs to return to the borough and reimbursement for other items per his agreement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

General Fund Checking- **\$27,920.45** (after payment of bills)
General Fund Street Maintenance Saving- **\$24,295.21** (\$43.95 int)
Highway Aid Checking- **\$1996.00**
Highway Aid Savings- **\$57,194.98**(\$103.46 int)
Retirement Fund- **\$1056.35**
PennDOT Projects Account-**\$50.65** (.09 int)
ARPA Covid Relief Grant-**\$126,624.89** (\$78.60 int)
Trail Development Grant-**\$20,013.71** (12.43 int)

January Real Estate Tax-**\$14,422.91**
January Delinquent RE Tax-**\$6356.26**
January Earned Income Tax-**\$0**
January LST Tax-**\$0**

Police/Fire Committee-Nothing to report.

Building Committee/Health & Sanitation-Nothing to report.

Streets/Park Committee- Nothing to report.

Ordinance Committee- The Committee met concerning junk vehicles setting in the yards of property owners. Council discussed what the current Ordinance states and if any changes are needed.

The Committee discussed a Fireworks Ordinance for the borough. They proposed following the state regulation with the insertion of designated times that fireworks can be set off the days preceding the 4th of July and designated times for the day of July 4th.

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Council directed the secretary to have the solicitor prepare a proposed Firework's Ordinance for Council's review and future adoption.

Grants Committee-The borough was awarded a grant from the Clinton County Community Foundation, Inc. for United States flags and decorative banners.

WATER AUTHORITY BUSINESS

There is a meeting on February 15 about the merge of the water authorities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Administration Committee will meet to go over the Policies and Procedures manual and make any appropriate recommendations for changes.

NEW BUSINESS

Dave Walker informed Council that the Renovo EMS will not be shutting down. A lengthy discussion ensued about the EMS situation.

A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by R. Balchun to renew the Costar's Salt Contract for the August 2023-July 2024 season. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by J. Simon to approve Resolution 6-2023 for the sale of the 2011 Ford Crown Victoria. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by W. Fornwalt III to accept the resignation of Xavier Becker effective January 24, 2023. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by P. Rauch to grant permission for the Rootstock Racing bicycling participants to pass through Renovo Borough during the timeframe of June 27-June 30, 2023. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by W. Fornwalt III to appoint Councilwoman K. Serafini-Brooks as the Clinton Tax Collection Committee delegate for Renovo Borough. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

During an audit of CDBG grants an error was found in the November 1, 2017 meeting minutes. The motion to approve the bid was inadvertently left out of the minutes but was in the secretary's notes and official letter to Clinton County. After consultation with the Pennsylvania State Borough's Association a motion will need to be made by Council to amend the minutes of November 1, 2017. The amendment will also be written in the margin of the November 1, 2017 meeting minutes and a reference to the February 8, 2023 meeting minutes.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by P. Rauch to amend the November 1, 2017 meeting minutes to add a motion that was inadvertently left out but was on the secretary's notes and follow-up letter to Clinton County that "A motion was made by Kari Kepler and seconded by Thomas Tarantella Jr. to accept the bid of \$72,390 from Glenn O'Hawbaker for the 11th Street Reconstruction contingent on CDBG approval. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously."

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by P. Rauch to approve the WCCMA resolution to adopt an Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan-Special Study which provides for the WCCMA Renovo Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by W. Fornwalt III to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 pm. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: Marsha Davis, Secretary/Treasurer
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