

Renovo Borough Council
128 5th Street, Renovo, PA 17764
February 9, 2022

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 (teleconference), Kristy Serafini-Brooks, William Fornwalt III, Patricia Rauch and John Simon. Also in attendance were Secretary/Treasurer Marsha Davis, Solicitor Stuart Hall and Grant Advisor Kari Kepler.
Absent: Mayor Gene Bruno, David Knauff

PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to accept the minutes as written for the January 3, 2022 reorganization meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to accept the minutes as written for the January 12, 2022 regular meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

BILLS

Administration-\$2316.35/Building-\$1000.45/Fire-\$0/Parks-\$168.03/Police-\$3196.52/
Streets-\$20,324.20.

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

GALLERY

No comments from the Gallery.

CORRESPONDENCE

Code Inspections, Inc. sent Council the December 2021 permit activity report along with a check of \$23.70 for municipal fees.

Stuart Hall sent Council a copy of Britt Bassett's reply for a request for CAD files from Bassett Engineering for the Ontario Avenue Reconstruction Project. Mr. Bassett replied that those files were not part of the Agreement. Their proposal only included providing drawings in PDF format.

Girard Pension Services sent Council the quarterly investment report for the Renovo Borough Police fund for the period October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. The quarterly fee of \$2752.97 has been paid out of plan assets.

PennCore Consulting provided Council with a proposal in regards to the Brewery Run Lane Culvert Crossing, Brewery Run Road Bank Stabilization and Ontario Avenue Drainage Relief. The proposal for all three services will not exceed \$10,000.

Council was provided with a COSTARS Salt Agreement which is up for renewal for the 2022-2023 season.

The Renovo Borough Water Authority sent Council the minutes from the December 21, 2021 meeting.

The WCCMA sent Council the minutes from the January 5 and January 19, 2022 meetings.

MAYORS REPORT

Nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration-K. Serafini-Brooks read the current bank balances in the borough's accounts.

General Fund Checking- **\$82,053.48** (after payment of the bills)

General Fund Street Maintenance Saving- **\$200.42** (.11 int less \$6107.63 towards 2004 Chevy)

Highway Aid Checking- **\$473.55** (+3000 from savings less bills)

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Highway Aid Savings- **\$54,883.29** (\$1.86 int-\$3000 to checking for bills)
Retirement Fund- **\$2394.13**
PennDOT Projects Account-**\$50.39**
ARPA Covid Relief Grant-**\$63,068.90** (\$1.07 int)

January Prior Year Real Estate Tax-**\$33,533.83**
January Delinquent Tax-**\$9185.30**
January Earned Income Tax-**\$0**
January LST Tax-**\$0**

Police/Fire Committee-The Police Committee will be setting up a meeting in the near future.

Building Committee/Health & Sanitation-Nothing to report.

Streets/Park Committee- W. Fornwalt III reported that PennDOT hit a sign with their snowplow today and also threw a bunch of snow and ice onto sidewalks with the plow truck. Someone will be contacting PennDOT about this situation.

Ordinance Committee- P. Rauch reported that a committee meeting was held last week. She called Martin Motors about towing vehicles such as the one on Huron Avenue during the snow emergency. Martin Motors will work with the borough and remove these vehicles. Any vehicle that is snowed in will have to be dug out first. There is no charge to the borough for towing vehicles.

P. Rauch also has had complaints about garbage on a property on 10th Street that has sat there for about two months. The Committee is frustrated that there has been no enforcement of the Ordinances. The mayor attended the Committee meeting and stated he will work on getting enforcement of these Ordinances.

Grants Committee-K. Kepler stated that the CDBG Competitive grant has been submitted for the St. Clair water line replacement.

K. Kepler informed Council that the Share grant is open and is due by March 15, 2022. STV Engineering will be updating the engineering and design costs for sidewalks and curbs for 3rd, 9th, 11th and 12th street. Once the borough receives the update a grant application can be submitted to Share. A Resolution will be prepared for the March 9th meeting.

K. Kepler shared several other grant programs that are open including Susquehanna Greenways, DCNR, Multimodal, CDBG and Tourism.

K. Kepler updated Council on a partnership between downtown Lock Haven and Heritage Park in Renovo to provide train rides on designated days to the public. This is being funded with American Rescue Plan money. One of the planned trips would include a ride to the Flaming Foliage Festival from Lock Haven. The train rides are still in the planning stage and more information will be forthcoming.

K. Kepler noted that the Emergency Rental Assistance Program is still open and a program to assist homeowners facing financial hardship due to Covid-19 has just opened.

WATER AUTHORITY BUSINESS

The water authority is putting in a grant for the replacement of water lines on 12th Street.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to renew the Costar's Salt Contract for the August 2022 through July 2023 season. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

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A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by R. Balchun to move \$6107.63 from the Street Maintenance savings to the General Fund towards the 2004 Chevy repairs. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to accept the proposal from PennCore Consulting for the Brewery Run Lane Culvert Crossing, Brewery Run Road Bank Stabilization and Ontario Avenue Drainage Relief to not exceed \$10,000. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

The secretary received a revised Traffic Impact Study from PennDOT for the Renovo Energy Center project today. The proposed access will be via the Route 120/Stouts Hill Road intersection. A previously planned eastern access point has been eliminated. Douglas Hill, a Senior Traffic Engineer is requesting municipal approval to proceed with updating the Traffic Impact Study.

A motion was made by W. Fornwalt III and seconded by P. Rauch to add the revised Traffic Impact Study approval for the Renovo Energy Center project to the Agenda. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by W. Fornwalt III and seconded by R. Balchun to sign the revised Traffic Impact Study for the Renovo Energy Center project changing the proposed access to the Route 120/Stouts Hill Road intersection. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

Council went into Executive Session at 7:01 pm for personnel and legal issues.

Executive Session ended at 8:21 pm.

A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by R. Balchun to send Officer Foley a letter asking if he is accepting his offer of full-time employment that was to begin February 1, 2022 and to reply by February 22, 2022. If Officer Foley is accepting full-time employment, he is to start March 1, 2022 or inform Council if he is continuing part-time employment. The letter will also state that he will not be the designated Ordinance Officer but Ordinances will be enforced by all part-time and full-time officers. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by J. Simon to offer Elizabeth Whitty the assistant secretary/treasurer position up to ten (10) hours a week at \$15 an hour. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

Council questioned Ron Stevens and Dave Walker who were in the Gallery concerning issues that were brought to their attention concerning the Renovo Fire Department. Mr. Stevens and Mr. Walker both stated that they cannot comment at this time on any pending charges. They did state that the ladder truck will be inspected on March 9th and that outdated equipment will be resolved with grant funding in the near future.

A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: Marsha Davis, Secretary/Treasurer
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