

**Renovo Borough Council**  
**128 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Renovo, PA 17764**  
**January 10, 2024**

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; Patti Rauch, Rhonda Balchun, William Fornwalt III, David Knauff, Kristy Serafini-Brooks and John Simon. Also, in attendance Secretary/Treasurer Ashley Sporny.  
Absent, Mayor Bruno

Reelected Councilwomen Kristy Serafini-Brooks was sworn in prior to the meeting on 1-9-2024, by Notary Public Maria Ransom.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**A motion was made by P.Rauch and seconded by K.Serafini-Brooks to accept the minutes as written for the December 14, 2023 regular meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**BILLS**

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

**GALLERY**

Theresa Casper spoke about a property in Renovo Borough located at 215/217 Champlain Avenue purchased on Repository in 2021 by Weaver's Professional Services out of Port Lucia Florida. She explained to council the home has not been touched since the purchase and is now falling in on itself. Her worry is the home will fall onto her property which sits adjacent to the home and/or the street. Council spoke in length about the repository sale in 2021, saying they did place a bid on that property but ultimately were outbid by Weaver's Professional Services.

Councilwomen Balchun explained that our Building/Code Officer had sent a certified letter to the owner of this home on December 18, 2023 for an Unsafe Structure Violation.

President Tarentella explained that if a homeowner does not respond to the certified mail, then a citation must be filed with the District Justice and in most cases since these owners are out of state, they skip their hearing and a warrant needs to be issued, and again since these owners are out of state the warrant cannot be served.

Councilwomen Balchun suggested the Secretary contact Solicitor Stuart Hall to see what steps to take to put a lien against the company that owns 215/217 Champlain Avenue.

Theresa Casper asked if there has been any update on the Hazard Mitigation Grant for the Fourteenth Street row homes.

President Tarantella informed Ms. Casper the last homeowner signed their Voluntary Participation Agreement and the next step will be for the Borough to purchase the remaining 3 properties on Repository. Once they are purchased the Borough can sign over these three homes to PEMA and the Hazard Mitigation Grant can move forward.

**MONTHLY CORRESPONDENCE**

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

The Clinton Tax Collection Committee sent Council their meeting minutes from their Reorganization Meeting/Regular Meeting held December 13,2023.

The Clinton County Conservation District reviewed the Erosion & Sediment Pollution Control Plan for the Brewery Run Road Project and they believe the plan adequately addresses E&S pollution control, and meets the requirements of the Department of Environmental Protection's Regulation: Chapter 102: E&S Control, and The Clean Streams Law, provided best Management Practices are properly implemented and maintained until permanent stabilization. This plan is valid for three years from date of issuance.

Western Clinton County Municipal Authority provided Council with their meeting minutes from December 6, 2023 and December 20,2023.

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Girard Pension Services sent council the 2024 consulting invoice and authorization form for the Police Pension Plan, this form authorizes Nationwide to release \$3,600 from the Renovo Borough Police Pension Plan for actuarial/consulting fees to Uninvest.

**MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Bruno was absent.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administration-R. Balchun went over the account balances with Council. She encouraged everyone to watch the budget as funds are low this time of year.

General Fund Checking- **\$35,843.63**(after bills are paid)  
General Fund Street Maintenance Saving- **\$24,962.63** (\$59.41 int)  
Highway Aid Checking- **\$4,462.66** (after bills are paid)  
Highway Aid Savings- **\$64,209.66** (\$153.04int)  
Retirement Fund- **\$2,507.40**  
PennDOT Projects Account-**\$51.97** (.12 int)  
ARPA Covid Relief Grant-**\$128,525.42** (\$178.55int)  
Trail Development Grant-**\$12,492.26**(\$17.35 int)

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December Earned Income Tax-**\$-12,381.57**  
December LST Tax-**\$1078.03**  
December Real Estate Tax-**\$0**

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**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by K.Serafini-Brooks to send Solicitor Stuart Hall the proposed Traffic Ordinance Amendments 15.307 & 15.308 for his review. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

Council went into a lengthy discussion about Amendments to the Fee Schedule and would like to revisit at the next Council Meeting.

**A motion was made by K.Serafini-Brooks and seconded by R.Balchun to have Solicitor Stuart Hall bid on behalf of Renovo Borough Council in the amount of \$600 for Repository Properties located at; 155 14<sup>th</sup> street Renovo PA 17764 Control #31-16106, 157 14<sup>th</sup> street Renovo PA 17764 Control #31-10105, 161 14<sup>th</sup> street Renovo PA 17764 Control # 31-16108. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by R.Balchun and seconded by D.Knauff to apply for the Susquehanna Mini Grant for Wayfinding & Signage for Fifth Street Boat Launch. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

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**Executive Session**

**Council went into Executive Session for Personnel Issues at 7:05 and returned at 7:21.**

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by P. Rauch to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 pm. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

ATTEST: Ashley Sporny, Secretary/Treasurer  
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