

**Renovo Borough Council**  
**128 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Renovo, PA 17764**  
**January 12, 2022**

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; Rhonda Balchun, Kristy Serafini-Brooks (arrived 6:05), William Fornwalt III, David Knauff, Patricia Rauch and John Simon. Also in attendance were Mayor Gene Bruno, Secretary/Treasurer Marsha Davis, and Grant Advisor Kari Kepler.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by W. Fornwalt III to accept the minutes as written for the December 8, 2021 regular meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**BILLS**

Administration-\$2222.91/Building-\$986.70/Fire-\$0/Parks-\$466.03/Police-\$1263.18/  
Streets-\$3268.49.

K. Serafini-Brooks arrived at this time.

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

**GALLERY**

Dave Flack representing "Kettle Creek Outfitters" and "Need a Place to Go" notified Council that he intends to purchase the Renovo Carwash property from Jim Dremel. The business goals are to convert the carwash into a garage for the housing of their trucks, put a 50-foot by 50-foot building behind the carwash for additional storage of equipment, install a propane filling station and a public power charging station to the front of the building for charging electric vehicles. Mr. Flack asked Council to sign a letter of support stating there are no deterrents to the planned usage of the property for financing purposes. Council was fully supportive of his business proposal but directed him to contact county planning and the new zoning officer to make sure everything is in alignment with planning and zoning regulations.

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by P. Rauch to sign a letter of support for Dave Flack's proposed business at the former car wash on Jim Dremel's property pending approval by the Clinton County Planning Commission and Hoy Inspection Services LLC. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Code Inspections, Inc. sent Council the November 2021 permit activity report.

Stuart Hall sent Council a copy of the December 1, 2021 Order from the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court concerning the failure of April Scott and Tim Teague to file a brief concerning the 14<sup>th</sup> Street appeal. They are precluded from filing a brief in this matter.

The Western Clinton County Municipal Authority sent Council notice that the Authority intends to submit a PADEP NPDES Permit Renewal Application for the Renovo Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Stuart Hall sent Council a copy of the Petition for a judicial sale that includes several properties in Renovo. The hearing is scheduled for February 9, 2022 at 10:00 am.

Stuart Hall sent Council a copy of a letter dated January 4, 2022 where he has requested CAD files from Bassett Engineering for the Ontario Avenue Reconstruction Project. Solicitor Hall requests the files be provided to him within thirty (30) days from the date of the letter.

The Sandy Run Property Owners Association is asking property owners if they would like to go in towards the cost of spraying for gypsy moths. It is anticipated that infestation will be worse this year. The estimated cost is \$45 per acre with a minimum of 1000 acres for this cost. Responses must be received by January 23, 2022.

The Renovo Borough Water Authority sent Council the minutes from the November 16 and December 1, 2021 meetings.

The WCCMA sent Council the minutes from the December 1 and December 15, 2021 meetings.

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**MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Bruno stated to Council that he is excited to be in office and is ready to listen and learn from Council.

The mayor has contacted Norfolk Southern about ATV traffic on the railroad property that crosses the railroad tracks and is a potential liability issue. The ATVs are entering at a low spot on the wall on Erie Avenue. A representative from Norfolk Southern will meet with the mayor in the Spring to try and resolve this situation.

Mayor Bruno contacted PPL about some wires going through the trees on 14<sup>th</sup> Street. He was also able to get the sidewalk on 14<sup>th</sup> Street cleared up by the property owners.

The mayor has been in communication with Renovo Energy Center representatives and was able to get some of his concerns and questions answered.

Mayor Bruno looks forward to working with the police officers as he begins his new term of office.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administration-R. Balchun read the current bank balances in the borough's accounts.

General Fund Checking- **\$87,926.61** (after payment of the bills)

General Fund Street Maintenance Saving- **\$6307.94** (.11 int)

Highway Aid Checking- **\$1779.61**

Highway Aid Savings- **\$54,881.43** (\$1.43 int)

Retirement Fund- **\$4721.19**

PennDOT Projects Account-**\$50.39**

ARPA Covid Relief Grant-**\$63,067.83** (\$1.07 int)

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December Real Estate Tax-**\$0**

December Earned Income Tax-**\$13,404.87**

December LST Tax-**\$1133.66**

Police/Fire Committee-K. Serafini-Brooks would like to call an Executive Session at the end of the meeting for personnel issues.

Building Committee/Health & Sanitation-P. Rauch reported that she has spoken to Shannon Bruno of Renovo Disposal Service. Ms. Bruno would like to have a spring clean-up and she plans on absorbing most of the costs including supplying bags to residents. She will be in contact with the borough to set up a date.

Streets/Park Committee- Nothing to report.

Ordinance Committee- Nothing to report.

Grants Committee-K. Kepler provided Council with maps of the proposed Heritage Trail and Memorial Park for future improvements. She reviewed proposed projects that Council may want to consider for future grant opportunities.

K. Kepler stated she will need business support letters for water improvements to St. Clair Avenue in Renovo. These letters will be collected to go with the grant application for water line replacement on St. Clair Avenue that will support current and new businesses.

K. Kepler asked Council to think of any project that could be funded with CDBG money. The CDBG grant funding for 11<sup>th</sup> Street paving was under budget so there will be potential leftover funding to award.

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 will be opening soon.

**WATER AUTHORITY BUSINESS**

Nothing to report.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

President Tarantella notified Council that she is keeping all the Committees the same for 2022. The only changes are Mayor Bruno will represent the borough on the Community Trade Association board and William Fornwalt III will replace President Tarantella as an alternate on the Council of Governments board.

**Council went into Executive Session at 7:38 pm for personnel issues.**

**Executive Session ended at 8:12 pm.**

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by P. Rauch to increase the credit card limit of Chief Richard Simpson to \$1000. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by P. Rauch to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 pm. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

ATTEST: Marsha Davis, Secretary/Treasurer  
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