

Renovo Borough Council
128 5th Street, Renovo, PA 17764
January 2, 2024

A reorganization meeting of the Renovo Borough Council was held on this date starting at 6:05 pm in Council Chambers, 128 5th Street, Renovo, PA. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bruno with the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag. The following Council Members were present, Dave Knauff, John Simon, Patricia Rauch, and Ann Tarantella. Also in attendance was Borough Secretary/Treasurer Ashley Sporny and Assistant Secretary Marsha Davis.

Absent: Rhonda Balchun, Kristi Serafini-Brooks and William Fornwalt III.

Reelected Councilman John Simon was sworn in prior to the reorganization meeting by Magisterial District Judge Frank Mills.

Mayor Bruno swore in Reelected Councilman Dave Knauff at this point.

Reelected Councilwomen Kristy Serafini-Brooks was absent due to illness and will be sworn in at a later date.

P. Rauch nominated A. Tarantella as Council President. There were no other nominations. A voice vote was taken, nomination passed unanimously.

A. Tarantella nominated P. Rauch as Council Vice-President. There were no other nominations. A voice vote was taken, nomination passed unanimously.

A. Tarantella nominated R. Balchun as President Pro Tem. There were no other nominations. A voice vote was taken, nomination passed unanimously.

At this point A. Tarantella took over as Council President.

A motion was made by A. Tarantella and seconded by J. Simon to appoint Ann Simon as Vacancy Board Chair. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by J. Simon to appoint Stuart Hall as the Renovo Borough Solicitor. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

On 12/19/2023 Marsha Davis gave her resignation as Secretary/Treasurer to be effective 12/31/2023. She is willing to stay on as assistant Secretary/Treasurer to help out as needed.

A motion was made by J. Simon and seconded by P. Rauch to appoint Ashley Sporny as Renovo Borough Secretary/Treasurer (Resolution 1-2024). A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by J. Simon to appoint Marsha Davis as Renovo Borough Assistant Secretary/Treasurer (Resolution 2-2024). A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by J. Simon to appoint PennCore Engineering as the Renovo Borough Engineer. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by J. Simon to use Hoy Inspection Services LLC as Renovo Borough's Building Code Officer, Zoning Officer and Floodplain Administrator for residential properties. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by J. Simon to appoint First Commonwealth Bank as the Renovo Borough Depository. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by J. Simon and seconded by P. Rauch to adopt Resolution 3-2024 waiving employee contributions to the police pension fund for 2024. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by P. Rauch to adopt Resolution 4-2024 amending the Renovo Borough Fee Schedule for 2024. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

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A motion was made by D.Knauff and seconded by J.Simon to adopt Resolution 5-2024 to appoint Elizabeth Whitty and Alternate Judy Fornwalt to a three (3) year term to the Zoning Hearing Board beginning 1/2/24 to 12/31/26. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by P.Rauch and seconded by J.Simon to adopt Resolution 6-2024 to appoint Kevin Dwyer to a three (3) year term to the Quality-of-Life Hearing Board beginning 1/2/24 to 12/31/26 and to appoint Gregory Scere to a two (2) year term as an alternate to the Quality-of-Life Hearing Board beginning 1/2/24 to 12/31/25. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by D.Knauff and seconded by P.Rauch to adopt Resolution 7-2024 to appoint Larry Grieb to a three (3) year term to the Uniform Construction Code (UCC) and International Maintenance Property Code (IMPC) Board of Appeals beginning 1/2/24 to 12/31/26 and to appoint Devin Demarte to a two (2) year term as an alternate to UCC and IMPC Board of Appeals beginning 1/2/24 to 12/31/25. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by J.Simon to adopt Resolution 8-2024 to appoint Diane Mckinley and William Fornwalt III to a five (5) year term of the Board of the Renovo Borough Water Authority beginning 1/2/24 to 12/31/28. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by J.Simon and seconded by P. Rauch to pay any insurance, utilities, credit cards, or loan payments prior to the monthly meeting with appropriate signatures to avoid late fees and penalties for the year 2024. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by J.Simon and seconded by P. Rauch to sign the engagement letter with Baker-Tilly to complete the audit of the 2023 books. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by D.Knauff and seconded by J.Simon to appoint P. Rauch as the Council of Governments representative. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by D.Knauff and seconded by J.Simon to appoint W. Fornwalt III as the alternate Council of Governments representative. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by P.Rauch and seconded by J.Simon to appoint Mayor Bruno as the Community Trade Association representative. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by D. Knauff to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 pm. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

**ATTEST: Ashley Sporny, Secretary/Treasurer
Renovo Borough Council**