

**Renovo Borough Council**  
**128 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Renovo, PA 17764**  
**January 6, 2020**

The monthly meeting of the Renovo Borough Council was held on this date starting at 6:15 pm, immediately following the reorganization meeting, 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, William Fornwalt III, David Knauff, Patricia Rauch, John Simon and Mayor Thomas Tarantella Jr. Also in attendance was Secretary/Treasurer Marsha Davis.

#### **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by W. Fornwalt III to accept the minutes for the December 11, 2019 meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

#### **BILLS**

Administration-\$7538.62/Building-\$1174.24/Fire-\$0/Parks-\$242.09/Police-\$3015.60/  
Streets-\$3348.87.

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

#### **GALLERY**

No one in attendance.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Code Inspections sent the November, 2019 permit activity report with \$0 in municipal fees.

Bassett Engineering sent a note of thanks to Council for their business and is encouraging clients to start early on designing projects if they want them built in 2020. They also asked the Renovo Borough to consider them as the borough engineer for 2020 and 2021.

Nittany Engineering sent Council an introduction letter to their firm and what services they could provide the borough.

Power Engineers sent Council notice on behalf of Renovo Energy Center, LLC that a Plan Approval Application is being submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for the construction and operation of a gas generating plant in Renovo. There is a 30-day comment period after the notice is received.

Comcast sent Council information on their partnership with Nueyes to enable customers with visual disabilities to see television with smartglasses.

Council received the meeting minutes from the Renovo Borough Water Authority for December 4, 2019, via email.

#### **MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Tarantella reported that he received a revised police schedule for the year 2020 from the Renovo Police Department. He also received a collective bargaining agreement copy from Corporal Jeffries for the Police Committee to review. He would like to set up a meeting in the near future with the Police Committee to go over these two items.

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**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administration Committee- R. Balchun read the current balances in the Renovo Borough bank accounts as of January 6, 2020 and taxes received in December 2019:

General Fund Checking- **\$34,278.94** (after payment of the bills)  
General Fund Street Maintenance Saving- **\$4552.50** (.77 int.)  
Highway Aid Checking- **\$154.71**  
Highway Aid Savings- **\$37,801.52** (\$6.42 int)  
Retirement Fund- **\$14.27** (-\$2846 for 4<sup>th</sup> Q, +.30 int. & \$701.86 RBWA contribution)  
PennDOT Projects Account-**\$50.30** (\$.01 int.)  
DCNR Peer Grant-**\$9142.15** (\$1.55 int.)  
TC Police Car Grant-**\$10,000**

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December Real Estate Tax-\$0  
December EIT Tax-\$12,955.94  
December LST Tax-\$1520.85

Police/Fire Committee-P. Rauch researched the magisterial fine money issue with Chapman Township. She reached out to several authorities who stated the fine money should continue to be allocated to Chapman Township for any fines issued in the township for auditing and record keeping purposes. It was suggested that Chapman Township can turn around and give the fine monies back to Renovo Borough or purchase needed items for the Renovo Police Department throughout the year.

Building Committee/Health & Sanitation-Council discussed the Quality of Life Ordinance and if changes were needed concerning the fine process. Council decided to set up an Ordinance Committee to go over Ordinances and see if any changes or updates are needed.

Council discussed getting estimates for demolitions for a couple of uninhabitable buildings in town. They will ask Building Code Official, Victor Marquardt to prioritize which buildings he feels are in the worst shape besides the 14<sup>th</sup> Street row. If any grant funding becomes available the estimates will already be complete.

Streets/Park Committee- Nothing to report.

Grants Committee-Nothing to report.

**WATER AUTHORITY BUSINESS**

Alan Uhler, the Authority engineer is working on the combined H2O grant and Pennvest grant to combine Renovo, South Renovo and Chapman Township water authorities.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Council continued the discussion of moving the recycling bins to East Renovo beside the basketball courts. There are vehicles that are currently parked there that will need to be moved before the bins can be moved. Council conceded if there is too much unrecyclable trash left at this area, they will completely remove the bins from the borough.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A motion was made R. Balchun and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks adopt Resolution 1-2020 waiving employee contributions to the police pension fund for 2020. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by J. Simon to adopt Resolution 2-2020 amending the Renovo Borough Fee Schedule for 2020. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

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**A motion was made by W. Fornwalt III and seconded by D. Knauff to appoint Ellen Anderson to a three (3) year term to the Zoning Hearing Board beginning 1/1/2020 to 12/31/2022. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by D. Knauff to appoint Paul Balchun to a three (3) year term to the Quality of Life Hearing Board beginning 1/1/2020 to 12/31/2022. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously with R. Balchun abstaining due to familial relations.**

**A motion was made by W. Fornwalt III and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks 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 2020. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to sign the Baker-Tilly engagement letter for the audit of the 2019 books for a cost of \$5200-5835. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

President Tarantella informed council of her Committee List for 2020:

Administration; Rhonda Balchun-Chairman, Kristy Serafini-Brooks and John Simon.

Police/Fire; Kristy Serafini-Brooks-Chairman, Rhonda Balchun and Dave Knauff.

Building/Health & Sanitation; William Fornwalt III-Chairman, Patricia Rauch and John Simon.

Streets/Parks; David Knauff-Chairman, W. Fornwalt III and Patricia Rauch.

Grants; Kari Kepler-Chairman, Kristy Serafini-Brooks and Rhonda Balchun.

Ordinance; Victor Foley-Chairman, Patricia Rauch, John Simon and William Fornwalt III.

The following Council members will continue to serve on the Renovo Borough Water Authority as no seats are up this year; Ann Tarantella, David Knauff and William Fornwalt III.

Patricia Rauch will continue to be the Council of Governments representative with Ann Tarantella being an alternate.

Patricia Rauch will continue to be the Community Trade Association representative.

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by P. Rauch to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

ATTEST: Marsha Davis, Secretary/Treasurer  
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