Renovo Borough Council
128 5th Street, Renovo, PA 17764
July 12, 2023

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, William Fornwalt III, Patricia Rauch (arrived at 6:10), and John Simon. Also in attendance were Mayor Gene Bruno, Secretary/Treasurer Marsha Davis, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Ashley Sporny and Solicitor Stuart Hall. Absent: David Knauff, Kristy Serafini-Brooks

PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by J. Simon to accept the minutes as written for the June 14, 2023 regular meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

BILLS

Administration-$2033.50/Building-$1306.96/Fire-$0/Parks-$1085.99/Police-$2624.77/
Streets-$3404.57.

A motion was made by R. Balchun 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

Dave Walker asked Council to reconsider the decision they made last month to make Station 23 (Bucktail Medical Center) as first due. He stated the information that Council was given last month was incorrect and that Station 23 is out of service. Mr. Walker stated their response time is 3 minutes and 9 seconds.

President Tarantella stated that they met with Clinton County Emergency Services and that they will be discussing it later in the meeting.

MONTHLY CORRESPONDENCE

Tax Collector Deborah Pedokus provided Council with a monthly report for May and June, 2023.

Hoy Inspection Service LLC provided Council with a list of activities for June 2023.

The Department of Environmental Protection has reviewed the recent resubmission of the Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan for upgrades and is considered administratively complete with a few technical deficiencies. A response to these deficiencies is required by September 6, 2023.

The Wayne Township Landfill thanked the borough and residents for participating in the 2023 Residential Tire Collection Event. The borough had a total of 315 tires collected with a countywide total of 5620 collected over the two-day event.

The Renovo Borough Water Authority sent Council the minutes from the May 16, 2023 meeting.

The WCCMA sent Council the minutes from the June 7 and June 21, 2023 meetings.

MAYORS REPORT

The Mayor stated that Chris Moore sent him a letter about letting DCNR help patrol ATV traffic in the Renovo Borough. The Mayor asked if DCNR would also watch for ATV traffic on the Renovo Rail property. Mr. Moore stated they would like to work with the Renovo Police Department on this matter.

Mayor Bruno informed Council that Officer Knarr must have Lasik surgery at the end of July in order to pass his certifications. He anticipates him being on board full-time sometime in August.

The Mayor gave credit to the Pine Creek Police Department, Officer Drollinger and the Drug Task Force for the recent drug bust. He stated that more will be coming.

Mayor Bruno stated that Austin Shimp signed the paper to let the borough board up his property.

The Mayor announced that Station 29 (Renovo Ambulance Services) made over fifty (50) calls for the month of June.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration-R. Balchun read a quick report of account balances.

General Fund Checking- $ (**112,061.94**)
General Fund Street Maintenance Saving- $**24,576.06** ($56.69 int)
Highway Aid Checking- $**422.53**
Highway Aid Savings- $**88,134.57** ($203.30 int)
Retirement Fund- $**15.13**
PennDOT Projects Account-$**51.24** (.12 int)
ARPA Covid Relief Grant-**$127,469.24** ($171.38 int)
Trail Development Grant-$**12,389.60** ($16.65 int)

June Real Estate Tax-$**0**
June Earned Income Tax-$**10,431.74**
June LST Tax-$**0.00**

R. Balchun attended the CTA meeting on July 17. There was a group that attended the meeting called "Americans for Prosperity", they're trying to lower energy costs. She believes that it was a very productive meeting.

Police/Fire Committee-Nothing to report.

Building Committee/Health & Sanitation-Bucktail Enterprises found more damage to the St. Clair garage as they were repairing it. It will cost approximately $2000 to repair than originally quoted.

Streets/Park Committee-

Ordinance Committee- Mayor Bruno would like to revisit the Curfew Ordinance.

The Mayor reported that Ordinance Officer Dave Walker is interested in becoming a Constable. He would need to take an 80-hour course and could serve all Western Clinton County. The Mayor suggested the municipalities go in together and split the cost of the $3600 course.

Grants Committee-A Resolution is on the Agenda to reapply for the Delaware Avenue Rehabilitation.

WATER AUTHORITY BUSINESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by J. Simon to pass Resolution 12-2023 to apply to the Commonwealth Financing Authority for a Multimodal Transportation grant in the amount of $504,409 for drainage and street repair of Delaware Avenue. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by W. Fornwalt III to adopt Ordinance No. 812 to change Ponda Street from a two-way highway to a one-way highway from the intersection of Delaware Avenue to State Route 120. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor Stuart Hall talked to Council about the proposed amendments to the International Property Maintenance Code. The current version is dated 2015, the borough will be advertising to adopt the 2021 version. Solicitor Hall explained some of the small amendments that will be made to this version. One of those will be replacing the word "shall" with "may" in reference to the borough stepping in to fix any safety and health issues that are occurring with a property and a few other minor amendments.

Council talked in length concerning the blighted property at 221 Champlain Avenue and other blighted properties.

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A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by P. Rauch to advertise a proposed Ordinance to adopt the 2021 International Property Maintenance Code with minor revisions as the Property Maintenance Code for Renovo Borough. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by W. Fornwalt III to approve approximately $2000 additional in repairs to the St. Clair garage. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

Council talked in length concerning eliminating or revising the Food Truck Ordinance to lower the annual permit fee with Solicitor Stuart Hall.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by P. Rauch to advertise to revise the Food Truck Ordinance to change the annual fee to $100 , add a "72" hour fee of $20 per event, lower the liability insurance and remove the Flaming Foliage approval during Flaming Foliage weekend. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

Council discussed the current Curfew Ordinance and proposed time changes with Solicitor Hall.

A motion was made by P. Rauch to advertise to amend the Curfew Ordinance to establish the curfew for 17 and under to be from Sunday through Friday from 10 pm to 6 am and on Saturday from 11 pm to 6 am during the summer and vacations.

This motion was rescinded by P. Rauch after further discussion with Council.

A motion was made by W. Fornwalt III and seconded by P. Rauch to advertise to amend the Curfew Ordinance to establish the curfew for under 17 years of age to be between the hours of 11 pm to 6 am throughout the year. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

Council briefly discussed the Dirt and Gravel grant coming up. The secretary will research it and discuss it at the next meeting.

President Tarantella announced that the Clinton County Emergency Services received the borough's letter designating Station 23 (BMC) as first due. The County did not have enough information to change this request so Station 29 (Renovo Ambulance) is still first due. The County is coming back up to explain and help the borough set up EMS Box cards to have a clear understanding of how the borough wants calls to go out between stations. President Tarantella will bring this information back to Council at the next meeting.

The Hazard Mitigation grant for 14th is still waiting for two homeowners to sign the voluntary participation forms for the grant to buy out the homes. Because these two homeowners bought the properties at repository, they only received a nominal award amount. President Tarantella suggested that we get those two properties appraised with the hopes that a higher award offered would help move the grant along.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by P. Rauch to have the properties of 159 and 163 14th Street appraised for the Hazard Mitigation Grant. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by J. Simon to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 pm. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: Marsha Davis, Secretary/Treasurer
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