

**Renovo Borough Council**  
**128 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Renovo, PA 17764**  
**July 13, 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, Patricia Rauch (arrived at 6:53), Kristy Serafini-Brooks and John Simon. Also in attendance were Mayor Gene Bruno, Grant Advisor Kari Kepler and Solicitor Stuart Hall.  
Absent: William Fornwalt III, David Knauff

The Mayor swore in newly hired police officer Gregory Drollinger at this time.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by J. Simon to accept the minutes as written for the June 8, 2022 regular meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**BILLS**

Administration-\$3064.41/Building-\$697.47/Fire-\$0/Parks-\$2265.44/Police-\$1015.14/  
Streets-\$5445.75.

**A motion was made by J. Simon and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to pay the bills presented if the money is available. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**GALLERY**

Dukane Muthler, from McHenry Disposal, spoke to Council about their garbage disposal service. This service is being offered to the residents of the borough. They supply residential and commercial dumpsters and they have bag and can service. Bags are \$3.00 a bag and they pick up on Wednesdays. McHenry Disposal helps out the Renovo Fire Company and other fire companies by taking bags at no charge.

Ordinance Officer Dave Walker spoke to Council about some properties in the Renovo Borough that he has concerns about. Council directed him to collaborate with Hoy Inspection Services about these concerns.

**MONTHLY CORRESPONDENCE**

Deb Pedokus, Renovo Borough Tax Collector provided a tax report for May/June 2022.

Mary George Rhone, President of Heritage Park informed Council of events that are scheduled for the summer months. She thanked Council for their support and encouraged Council to be actively involved with Heritage Park. Council received an invitation to the Greater Renovo Area Heritage Park annual meeting and banquet to be held on August 25, 2022 starting at 5:30 pm. RSVPs are due by August 3 at a cost of \$25 per person.

Girard sent Council the 2021 financial statements for the police pension plan.

Hoy Inspection Service LLC provided Council with a list of activities for May 2022.

The Office of the Treasurer sent Council notice that the Clinton County Commissioners accepted bids for two repository properties in the Borough of Renovo. The Clinton County Tax Claim Bureau is requesting Councils written consent for the sale of these properties.

The Clinton County Commissioners announced that the 2022 CDBG grant program is now open. All applications are due by Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>. The first public hearing will be held on July 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am at the Piper building.

The Renovo Borough Water Authority sent Council the minutes from the May 17, 2022 meeting.

The WCCMA sent Council the minutes from the June 1 and June 15, 2022 meetings.

**MAYORS REPORT**

The Mayor updated Council on the uninhabitable property on Myrtle Street. The property owner stated they would take care of the remaining issues with the property.

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Mayor Bruno stated that Ordinance Officer Dave Walker is doing an outstanding job. He has moved ten cars this past month. Working with Hoy Inspections they have contacted out of town property owners who have violations and have given extensions to a couple local property owners for needed repairs.

The Mayor stated that Clinton County Probation will send workers and supervision for projects within the Renovo Borough. The Bucktail Medical Center stated they could also use help at the Annex.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administration-K. Serafini-Brooks read a quick report of account balances.

General Fund Checking- **\$138,595.96** (after payment of bills)

General Fund Street Maintenance Saving- **\$200.46**

Highway Aid Checking- **\$4581.53**

Highway Aid Savings- **\$71,895.60** (\$2.43 int)

Retirement Fund- **\$15.13**

PennDOT Projects Account-**\$50.40**

ARPA Covid Relief Grant-**\$63,074.09** (\$1.04 int)

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

June Earned Income Tax-**\$8906.70**

June LST Tax-**\$1497.53**

Police/Fire Committee-K. Serafini-Brooks stated that Mr. Drollinger is now on board with the police department. The Committee received another application however the applicant is not Act 120 certified.

Building Committee/Health & Sanitation-Nothing to report.

Streets/Park Committee- Nothing to report.

Ordinance Committee- J. Simon mentioned that the governor is trying to change the Fireworks Ordinance.

Grants Committee-K. Kepler reported that the engineer informed her that the Multimodal grant application is complete and ready for internal review before it is submitted.

The CDBG grant is now open. The borough received a quote of \$55,550 for repairs at Brewery Hollow. K. Kepler feels other projects such as Delaware Avenue, 12th Street or Laurel Street by Memorial Park may be more feasible. She feels that USDA may be a good fit for Brewery Hollow.

#### **WATER AUTHORITY BUSINESS**

The Authority still has not heard anything on the St. Clair water line replacement grant.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by J. Simon to accept a repository bid of \$552 from 2VIN Home Investments LLC, for a property know as Tax Parcel No. B-02-0008, Control No. 33-24978 formerly the property of William R. Scrimshaw. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

P. Rauch arrived at this time (6:53 pm).

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by J. Simon to accept a repository bid of \$600 from Sea Investments LLC, for a property know as Tax Parcel No. B-02-0019, Control No. 33-16683 formerly the property of Charles R. Rosamilia Jr. ET UX. A roll call vote was taken, R. Balchun, J. Simon and K-Serafini-Brooks voted yes and A. Tarantella and P. Rauch voted no. Motion passed.**

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to approve a financial commitment letter to be submitted with the Multimodal applications in the amount of \$149,786.40 for the Delaware Avenue Improvement Plan. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

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**A motion was made by J. Simon and seconded by P. Rauch to approve Blake Felty for the PA CareerLink In-School Youth program for an 8-week period beginning July 5, 2022 with payroll covered by CareerLink. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by J. Simon to apply for a CDBG grant to mill and pave Laurel Avenue in East Renovo. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

P. Rauch spoke with Mike Crist from Wayne Township about putting in a concrete block and possibly stone for the recycling bins on Jim Dremel's property. Mr. Crist will contact her later in the week about what they need to start this process.

**A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to use the Clinton County Probation for community service in the Renovo Borough. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

Officer Foley spoke to Council about purchasing a new police computer for the new officer. The old police laptop is no longer compatible for needed updates.

Officer Foley informed Council that the Dodge Charger had to be towed to K&L. The alternator will need replaced.

Officer Foley stated that a new vest will need to be purchased for Officer Drollinger. P. Rauch suggested that they check with DA Strouse or possibly splitting the cost with Chapman Township.

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by J. Simon to purchase a police laptop for up to \$1800 for the Renovo Police Department. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to share the cost of notary renewal for Water Authority Secretary/Treasurer Maria Ransom with Renovo Borough Water Authority up to \$150.00. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by R. Balchun to share the cost of a backhoe tire replacement with Renovo Borough Water Authority up to \$1227.43. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

P. Rauch asked Council if it would be okay to move the Flaming Foliage sign from the west end of the bridge to replace the welcome sign on 3<sup>rd</sup> and Huron Avenue that is in bad shape.

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to change the Agenda for consideration to move the Flaming Foliage sign from the west end bridge to 3<sup>rd</sup> and Huron Avenue. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by John Simon to move the Flaming Foliage sign from the west end bridge to 3<sup>rd</sup> and Huron Avenue and pay for any expense such as paint that is needed. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**Council went into Executive Session at 7:25 pm to discuss the 14<sup>th</sup> Street litigation.**

**Executive Session ended at 7:44 pm.**

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by J. Simon to change the Agenda for the consideration of filing a petition for the 14th Street properties. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by P. Rauch to petition for an order to vacate the 14<sup>th</sup> Street properties and to secure the buildings to prevent access. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to change the Agenda for the consideration of purchasing a police vest. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

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**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by R. Balchun to purchase a police vest for Officer Drollinger with the possibility of splitting the cost with Chapman Township. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by J. Simon to change the Agenda for the consideration of a letter of support for more police patrol at the Mobile Home Lane on Route 120. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by J. Simon write a letter of support to Chapman Township that our police department will patrol Mobile Home Lane on Route 120 more often. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by J. Simon to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 pm. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

ATTEST: Marsha Davis, Secretary/Treasurer  
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