

**Renovo Borough Council**  
**128 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Renovo, PA 17764**  
**July 14, 2021**

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; R. Balchun, Patricia Rauch, John Simon and Mayor Thomas Tarantella. Also in attendance were Secretary/Treasurer Marsha Davis, and Police Chief Richard Simpson via Zoom.  
Absent: David Knauff, William Fornwalt III, Kristy Serafini-Brooks

#### **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by R. Balchun to accept the minutes as written for the June 9, 2021 regular meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by R. Balchun to accept the minutes as written for the June 29, 2021 special meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

#### **BILLS**

Administration-\$3337.99/Building-\$3405.82/Fire-\$0/Parks-\$591.57/Police-\$1819.98/  
Streets-\$3235.49.

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

#### **GALLERY**

Doug Wolma with Clarience Technologies, representing Truck-Lite in McElhattan spoke to Council about generating interest in the area for multiple positions available at Truck-Lite. The company is short about 100 employees and is offering different hours and shifts to give potential employees flexibility. They are also offering a \$2500 sign on bonus after six months of employment and a thirty-day benefit eligibility. Mr. Wolma and other representatives discussed ways with Council to make residents in the area aware of employment opportunities at Truck-Lite.

Steve Murgas, CIO of Murgas Security Consultants is currently working on installing security cameras and wireless bridging for the community parks in Renovo. He asked Council if he could install roof access in the municipal building that was previously provided. The access has since been covered after new roofing was installed a few years ago. He informed Council that he needed to install equipment on the roof for the security cameras to provide the best service to Renovo but was just too dangerous to try to attempt with ladders from the outside of the building. Mr. Murgas stated it would also benefit the Borough in the future by giving the maintenance men access if they needed to make any roof repairs and for the police if they needed to install any type of antennas for their equipment. Mr. Murgas further stated he would only need a two-foot access and would absorb the cost to make the process much easier and less dangerous for him. Mr. Murgas stated he can also move the Memorial Park proposed cameras to the new proposed recycling area since the bins have been removed from East Renovo.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Deborah Pedokus, Renovo Borough tax collector provided Council with the monthly report for May and June, 2021.

Girard provided Council with the 2020 Financial Statements for the Police Pension Plan.

Solicitor Stuart Hall sent a copy of the correspondence concerning a hearing scheduled for August 24, 2021 on the Petition of the Clinton County Tax Claim Bureau for a Rule to Distribute Proceeds of the October, 2020 Repository Sale. Sea Investments, LLC purchased property formerly known as Donald L. Lininger, Control #33-16833. The proposed distribution for Renovo Borough is \$153.98.

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The Clinton County Planning Department announced the opening of the 2021 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The 2021 allocation will be \$244,544 and applications are due by July 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.

The Greater Renovo Area Heritage Park invited Council to their annual dinner meeting on August 18, 2021 at 6:00 pm at the Sportsman's Hotel in Renovo at a cost of \$25 per person. A business membership application was also enclosed for an annual fee of \$100.

The Wayne Township Landfill sent Council information on the 2021 household hazardous waste collection event being held on August 20 and 21, 2021 at the recycling center in Wayne Township. They are asking Council to consider sponsoring this event at a cost of \$250-\$1000 or any contribution greater or less than the proposed level.

The Renovo Borough Water Authority sent Council the minutes from the April 20 and May 5, 2021 meetings.

### **MAYORS REPORT**

The mayor reported that a settlement has been reached with former police officer Michael Jeffries. Mr. Jeffries will keep K9 officer Jordan who is to be retired per agreement.

Mayor Tarantella stated that officer Jeffries is withdrawing the Act 111 Collective Bargaining Agreement arbitration.

The mayor informed Council that he has got a lot of feedback from residents wanting the recycling bins back in the borough. He noted that Council has a signed letter from James Dremel offering his property above the Dollar General to place the bins contingent on cameras being placed on them.

**A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by R. Balchun to move the recycling bins to the James Dremel property above the Dollar General with his permission and to provide security cameras at this location. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

General Fund Checking- **\$114,910.84** (after payment of the bills)

General Fund Street Maintenance Saving- **\$6057.10** (.15 int)

Highway Aid Checking- **\$901.49**

Highway Aid Savings- **\$74,866.13** (\$3.08 int)

Retirement Fund- **\$15.23**

PennDOT Projects Account-**\$50.38**

DCNR Peer Grant-**\$2549.03** (\$.07 int)

Clinton County Community Foundation Grant-**\$1937.50**

ARPA Covid Relief Grant-**\$63,063.20**

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

June Earned Income Tax-**\$8822.76**

June LST Tax-**\$1214.76**

Police/Fire Committee-Chief Simpson read a summarized police report for Renovo Borough and Chapman Township for the month of June.

Chief Simpson reported that Keystone Communications is not interested in purchasing the K9 equipment that is installed in the new Ford Interceptor. They gave the Chief an estimate of \$4136.00 to make the new Ford Interceptor into a patrol vehicle.

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Chief Simpson informed Council that the District Attorney purchased a new vest for him at a cost of \$588.00.

Chief Simpson would like Council to consider hiring another part-time officer. He will begin the process of soliciting applications.

Building Committee/Health & Sanitation- Nothing to report.

Streets/Park Committee- P. Rauch noted that she has received phone calls about the condition of the streets. She also had complaints about a tractor trailer illegally parking on Erie Avenue and ripping the tree branches off.

Ordinance Committee-P. Rauch would like to meet with Officer Foley and the Committee to go over some Ordinances. She would like to review the Quality-of-Life Ordinance and possibly go right to citation versus a warning and tickets. She would also like to discuss enacting a Firework Ordinance.

Grants Committee- Council discussed possibly putting in for a CDBG grant application. The Water Authority is putting in for a water line replacement on 12<sup>th</sup> Street. R. Balchun suggested we support the Water Authority by sending a letter of support for them and not compete with them. The water lines need to be replaced before anything can be paved.

#### **WATER AUTHORITY BUSINESS**

President Tarantella noted that the 4<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Street water line replacements projects have begun.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by J. Simon to allow Steve Murgas to work with V. Tarantella to provide roof access for the security camera system and any other needs. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by J. Simon and seconded by R. Balchun to send Mayor Tarantella to the annual Heritage Park dinner meeting on August 18, 2021 at 6:00 pm at the Sportsman's Hotel in Renovo at a cost of \$25. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by J. Simon to 2021 to send a \$50 sponsorship for the household hazardous waste collection event being held on August 20 and 21, 2021 at the recycling center in Wayne Township in support of their efforts in cleaning up the environment. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by P. Rauch to adopt Ordinance No. 808 appointing a new manager and new financial planner for the borough's non-uniform pension plan with any further successor managers and financial planners appointed by Resolution of Borough Council. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by J. Simon to grant a handicap parking space for Joanne Shank at 127 10<sup>th</sup> Street contingent on Chief Simpson's review and approval. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**An Executive Session was held at 7:59 pm for personnel issues.**

**Executive Session ended at 9:10 pm.**

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The secretary presented an Excess Maintenance Agreement with Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company LLC for the bonding of the roadway from SR 120 to Erie Avenue from 14<sup>th</sup> Street, from Erie Avenue from 14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> Street and from 15<sup>th</sup> Street to SR 120. The bonding will repair any damages caused by water trucks traveling on these roadways while collecting water at the 15<sup>th</sup> Street filling station.

**A motion was made by J. Simon and seconded by P. Rauch to sign the Excess Maintenance Agreement with Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company LLC for the bonding of the roadway from SR 120 to Erie Avenue from 14<sup>th</sup> Street, from Erie Avenue from 14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> Street and from 15<sup>th</sup> Street to SR 120. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by R. Balchun to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

ATTEST: Marsha Davis, Secretary/Treasurer  
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