

Renovo Borough Council
128 5th Street, Renovo, PA 17764
June 14, 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; William Fornwalt III, David Knauff, Patricia Rauch (left at 6:55), Kristy Serafini-Brooks and John Simon. Also in attendance were Mayor Gene Bruno, Secretary/Treasurer Marsha Davis and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Ashley Sporny.
Absent: Rhonda Balchun

PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by W. Fornwalt III to accept the minutes as written for the May 10, 2023 regular meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

BILLS

Administration-\$4865.68/Building-\$904.14/Fire-\$0/Parks-\$810.18/Police-\$5185.63/
Streets-\$3345.18.

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

GALLERY

Eric Ditty spoke to Council concerning the Food Truck Ordinance. He asked Council for a special exemption for the \$500 annual fee since his trailer will not be moving and he pays taxes. He stated that the food truck was not going to be mobile and it would be less expensive than fixing up his building for food service. He did not feel it was fair to have to get approval from the Flaming Foliage Committee to operate during the weekend of Flaming Foliage.

Council stated there is no reason to exempt him since he is not a non-profit. He would not have to get approval from Flaming Foliage for Flaming Foliage weekend if he already has a borough permit. Mr. Ditty did not think it was fair to have to pay this fee unless all other food trucks that come into town are paying it. He stated he will be talking to his lawyer about this required fee.

David Walker introduced Corey Aungst who is the ALS Director based at the Renovo Fire Department. The Renovo Fire Department Station #29 is now certified and able to offer ALS (advanced life support) services. They have 24/7 coverage and have 18 staff members with 9-10 paramedics. Telebot is a new ambulance service that will allow residents in rural areas to be treated at home. He has replaced the AED battery in the police vehicle and will be providing medical packs for both vehicles as well.

Council expressed appreciation to Mr. Aungst for replacement of the AED battery and medical pack donations and working with the Renovo Police Department.

President Tarantella asked Mr. Aungst for a list of the staff members.

Mr. Aungst explained that with the ALS service the patient will be receiving care from the minute the ambulance arrives and will not have to wait for Lock Haven ambulance to arrive.

Council and Mr. Aungst discussed various aspects of the ambulance service.

Barb Fedele asked Council to consider changing the direction of the proposed one-way on Ponda Street to a southerly direction. She stated her and other residents usually exit this way due to the way they park at their residence. It would be an inconvenience to find a different exit point.

Thomas Tarantella Jr. of 2101 Delaware Avenue stated that he has a 32-foot camper and he only has the ability to turn westward from his driveway. The only way he can exit is going down Ponda Street onto Route 120. If the one-way is established in a northerly direction he would not be able to park his camper at his residence.

A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to change the proposed one-way on Ponda Street to going in a southern direction from Delaware Avenue down Ponda Street to Route 120. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

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A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by J. Simon to advertise the proposed change to make Ponda Street one-way from Delaware Avenue going south to Route 120. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

MONTHLY CORRESPONDENCE

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

The Renovo Ambulance Service notified Council that they are not closing its doors.

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation notified Council that on on-site monitoring review of the borough's Liquid Fuels Tax Fund was held on April 20, 2023. No areas of concern were noted during the monitoring review.

Keystone Central School District informed Council that two park supervisors were chosen for the summer recreation program. They are Lillian Sporny and Adonikah Dullen with Cheyene Casper as a park floater. The program will run from June 19 to August 11 from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm.

Lecce Electric, Inc. provided Council with a quote of \$1660 for the annual traffic signal maintenance. A signed authorization is required to accept this quote.

The Department of Environmental Protection provided Council with a copy of the letter sent to Commissioner Snyder approving the application for a NPDES Permit for Stormwater Discharge for the Brewery Run Trail project.

Gwin Dobson & Foreman Engineers sent Council Act 14 notification of the WCCMA's intent to submit a Water Quality Management Permit for Influent Pumps Replacement.

The Clinton County Commissioners informed Council the 2023 Community Development Grant Program is now open. All applications are due to the Grants Administrator by Friday, July 14 at 5:00 pm.

Timothy Reeves, CEO of Bucktail Medical Center updated Council on the progress of ambulance services at the hospital. A go live date will be announced soon.

Mary Rhone asked Council to consider a donation of \$500 to the Heritage Park summer concerts as in previous years.

The Greater Renovo Area Heritage Park invited Council to the annual meeting and banquet to be held at the Good Neighbor Craft House in Hyner. The social begins at 5:30 pm, the meeting at 6:00 pm and dinner at 6:30 pm. A cost of \$30 per person is due by July 13, 2023.

The Church of Saint Joseph is requesting permission to block off Larch Street from July 2 through July 9, 2023 and borrow the borough's barricades for the Annual Parish Festival.

The Central Mountain ATV Association, Inc. sent Council a thank you for the recent contribution of time and support at the annual Cruise for a Cure held on June 10, 2023.

The Renovo Borough Water Authority sent Council the minutes from the April 18, 2023 meeting.

The WCCMA sent Council the minutes from the May 3 and May 17, 2023 meetings.

MAYORS REPORT

The Mayor informed Council that the police department has a new monthly report now that Officer Drollinger is utilizing the new Informant System.

Mayor Bruno is working with Dave Walker and the properties with high grass to inform these residences about local workers who will cut their properties for a fee.

The Mayor and the Ordinance Committee will be meeting to possibly change the curfew Ordinance due to some local youth causing vandalism in the borough.

Mayor Bruno announced that retired Lieutenant Colonel Eric Williamson will be a write-in for the position of Magistrate in Renovo.

The Mayor stated that there is a person interested in a part-time position with the Renovo Police Department. He will have him fill out an application and an interview will need to be set up.

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Mayor Bruno wants to thank Corey Aungst for his donations to the Renovo Borough and for all that he is doing for the police department.

The Mayor talked to Mike Smith about delivering mulch to the borough for the playgrounds. Mr. Smith is donating the mulch and will also deliver it. The Mayor asks that a thank you note be sent to him.

Mayor Bruno talked to PennDOT about an agility agreement for jersey barriers to go from 11th to 12th Street at an approximate cost of \$5600. This would be an exchange for taking care of the bridges in the boroughs.

P. Rauch left at this time. (6:55 pm)

The Mayor stated he is letting the police department set its own hours. Once Officer Knarr is on full-time duty there are several objectives that the department hopes to achieve.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

General Fund Checking- **\$120,572.77** (after payment of bills)
General Fund Street Maintenance Saving- **\$24,519.37** (\$58.44 int)
Highway Aid Checking- **\$2,298.21**
Highway Aid Savings- **\$87,931.27** (\$209.58 int)
Retirement Fund- **\$15.13**
PennDOT Projects Account-**\$51.12** (.12 int)
ARPA Covid Relief Grant-**\$127,297.86** (\$176.85 int)
Trail Development Grant-**\$12,372.95** (\$17.19 int)

May Real Estate Tax-**\$41,200.85**
May Earned Income Tax-**\$2,722.94**
May LST Tax-**\$0.00**
May Delinquent RE Tax -**\$23,216.11**

Police/Fire Committee-Nothing to report.

Building Committee/Health & Sanitation-Nothing to report.

Streets/Park Committee- The garage floor in the St. Clair garage is rotting and will need repaired to be able to use the garage. An estimate was provided by Bucktail Enterprises in the amount of \$5450.

A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by D. Knauff to have Bucktail Enterprises repair the St. Clair garage floor at the quoted cost of \$5450. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance Committee- The Committee will be meeting soon to go over the Curfew Ordinance.

Grants Committee-Clinton County is now accepting grant applications for CDBG funding. PennDOT engineer Daren Stover provided estimates to mill and pave 4th Street and 12th Street.

WATER AUTHORITY BUSINESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by J. Simon to approve the recommendation from KCSO to hire Lilian Sporny and Adonikah Dullen for the summer recreation program at 16th Street Park beginning June 19 through August 11, 2023. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by W. Fornwalt III to approve the Career-Link funded hiring of Blake Felty, Gavin Yachymiak and Johnny Schleicher for up to 30 hours a week from June 19 through August 11, 2023. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

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A motion was made by W. Fornwalt III and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to allow St. Joseph church to block off Larch Street from July 2 through July 9 and use the borough's barricades for the Annual Parish Festival. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by W. Fornwalt III to accept the quote from Lecce Electric of \$1660 for the annual traffic signal maintenance. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to approve and sign the engineering and traffic study to make Ponda Street a one-way street. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by J. Simon and seconded by W. Fornwalt III to donate \$500 to the Heritage Park Concerts in the Parks. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously with K. Serafini-Brooks abstaining as a member of Heritage Park.

A motion was made by W. Fornwalt III and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to fix the damaged sidewalk on Ontario Avenue near the boat launch. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by W. Fornwalt III to apply for CDBG funding to mill and pave 4th Street. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by J. Simon to make Bucktail Medical Center EMS as the primary BLS (Basic Life Support) Ambulance provider with Station 29 as second due. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

Council discussed interest from an officer who is interested in working part-time for Renovo Borough. He would only need an interview and background checks and then would be able to start. The Mayor suggested \$22 an hour for up to 24 hours a week. Council was favorable with this if he decides to apply.

A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by D. Knauff to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: Marsha Davis, Secretary/Treasurer
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