

Renovo Borough Council
128 5th Street, Renovo, PA 17764
June 9, 2021

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; R. Balchun, Kristy Serafini-Brooks, William Fornwalt III, David Knauff, John Simon and Mayor Thomas Tarantella. Also in attendance were Secretary/Treasurer Marsha Davis, Solicitor Stuart Hall and Police Chief Richard Simpson.

Absent: Patricia Rauch

PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by R. Balchun to accept the minutes as written for the May 12, 2021 regular meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to accept the minutes as written for the May 26, 2021 special meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

BILLS

Administration-\$3676.87/Building-\$510.67/Fire-\$0/Parks-\$835.89/Police-\$13,538.07/
Streets-\$2517.32.

A motion was made by W. Fornwalt III 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

Michael Doubles, a South Renovo Councilman, spoke to Council about contracting with the Renovo Police Department for police services in South Renovo. Police Committee Chairman, K. Serafini-Brooks will contact the committee to set up a meeting to discuss this further.

CORRESPONDENCE

Code Inspections, Inc. sent the permit activity report for April, 2021 along with a check for municipal fees of \$17.50.

The Renovo Area Public Library sent a letter thanks for the Renovo Borough's financial contribution.

Solicitor Stuart Hall sent a copy of the correspondence from the Commonwealth Court concerning the 14th Street Appeal. The Appellants' brief must be filed with the Commonwealth Court on or before June 30, 2021. The borough's brief is due thirty (30) days after the receipt of the brief of the Appellants.

Comcast sent Council notice of upcoming Xfinity TV programming changes. Customers will be receiving notice of this change with their bills.

Solicitor Stuart Hall sent Council correspondence concerning satisfaction of an old Renovo Community Development loan that was made to Richard and Mary Ann Mason. The property is being sold and Attorney Miceli is offering the borough \$4812.38 as full satisfaction of the July 29, 1976 mortgage.

Angie Kemberling of Seda-Cog sent Council notification that an environmental review is being conducted on two (2) Community Development Block Grant projects. The 9th Street Rehabilitation and the WCCRA Roof Replacement. This review must be conducted on all projects which utilize federal funds. Any comments must be received by June 28, 2021.

The Commonwealth Financing Authority notified Council that their Blight Remediation Program grant was not chosen to be funded due to limited funds.

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The Western Clinton County Municipal Authority sent the minutes from the May 5 and May 19, 2021 meetings.

MAYORS REPORT

Nothing to report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

General Fund Checking- **\$139,604.92** (after payment of the bills)
General Fund Street Maintenance Saving- **\$6056.95** (.15 int)
Highway Aid Checking- **\$2872.25**
Highway Aid Savings- **\$74,863.05** (\$3.18 int)
Retirement Fund- **\$15.23**
PennDOT Projects Account-**\$50.38**
DCNR Peer Grant-**\$2548.96** (\$.06 int)
Clinton County Community Foundation Grant-**\$1937.50 (\$10,800 less \$8862.50, 75% down)**

May Real Estate Tax-**\$30,161.79**
May Earned Income Tax-**\$2522.75**

Police/Fire Committee-K. Serafini-Brooks stated negotiations are still ongoing for the police arbitration.

Chief Simpson read a summarized police report for May to Council for Renovo Borough and Chapman Township.

Building Committee/Health & Sanitation- Officer Foley will look into a complaint of garbage being stored in the basement of a property on St. Clair Avenue.

Streets/Park Committee- The committee set up interviews from the applications received for the temporary laborer and SLIP intern position. They recommend that Charles Struble be hired as the temporary laborer and Liam Dwyer as the SLIP intern.

Ordinance Committee-Nothing to report.

Grants Committee- Nothing to report.

WATER AUTHORITY BUSINESS

President Tarantella noted that the 4th and 9th Street water line replacements will begin soon. The water filling station is almost finished on 15th Street.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by J. Simon and seconded by R. Balchun to hire Charles Struble as a Streets & Parks temporary laborer for twelve (12) weeks at \$10.35 an hour for forty (40) hours a week beginning June 7, 2021 based on the Streets Committees recommendation. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to hire Liam Dwyer as the SLIP intern with Central Pennsylvania Workforce Development Corporation for an eleven (11) week internship with eight (8) weeks being reimbursed at \$10.35 per hour and three (3) weeks cash match at \$10.35 per hour beginning June 7, 2021 based on the Streets Committees recommendation. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

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A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to approve the recommendation from KCSD to hire Amanda Kanouff for the summer recreation program at 16th Street Park beginning June 14, 2021 until August 6, 2021. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by J. Simon to accept \$4812.38 as payment in full for an old Renovo Community Development loan that was made to Richard and Mary Ann Mason to satisfy the mortgage. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by J. Simon to waive the street opening fees for the 4th and 9th Street water line replacements. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

It was brought to the attention of the secretary while a pension audit was being performed by the Department of the Auditor General that Ordinance No. 745 would need to be amended. This Ordinance appointed a manager of the borough employees non-uniform plan and a financial planner. Beyer-Barber who was the manager was acquired by Foster and Foster. Terrence O'Laughlin was the previous financial planner but has since retired. Solicitor Hall recommended that we amend Ordinance No. 745 to appoint Foster and Foster as the new manager and Debra Martin as the new financial planner. The new proposed Ordinance will also state that further successor managers and financial planners can be appointed by resolution of Borough Council.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to advertise the amendment of Ordinance No. 745 to be considered for adoption at the July 14, 2021 regular meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

K. Serafini-Brooks attended the Tax Collection Committee (TCC) meeting for Keystone Central School District as the appointed delegate. She informed Council that the Committee passed new by-laws and formed a formal appeals process. She stated that every municipality has a vote based on their Earned Income Taxes. Keystone Central holds the majority vote as long as their delegate is in attendance.

President Tarantella stated that a new garage door opener is needed for the attached garage. The upstairs apartment door will also need replaced due to past damage.

An Executive Session was held at 7:07 pm for personnel issues.

Executive Session ended at 7:49 pm.

A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by D. Knauff to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: Marsha Davis, Secretary/Treasurer
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