

**Renovo Borough Council**  
**128 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Renovo, PA 17764**  
**March 13, 2024**

The monthly meeting of the Renovo Borough Council was held on this date starting at 6:10 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; David Knauff, John Simon, Kristy Serafini-Brooks and Patti Rauch. Councilwomen Rhonda Balchun entered meeting at 6:46 pm. Also, in attendance Mayor Bruno and Secretary/Treasurer Ashley Sporny. Absent, William Fornwalt III

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**A motion was made by K.Serafini-Brooks and seconded by P.Rauch to accept the minutes as written for the February 14<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**BILLS**

Administration-\$3,980/Building-\$1,022.93/Fire-\$0/Parks-\$286.28/Police-\$3,795.73/ Streets-\$3,790.10.

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

**GALLERY**

Ordinance Officer Dave Walker spoke about dumpsters being used in the Borough for household garbage. He went to the local garbage disposal company, Farewell Sanitation to ask that they remove the dumpsters that are located on the borough streets and are being used for household garbage.

He also notified Council two more cars that were sitting unregistered and/or uninspected have been removed from the Borough.

He also brought Council up to date on two properties that have been repeat problems, one on Ninth street and one on Ontario Ave. Both homeowners have been brought to court on more than one occasion for accumulation of household rubbish and/or garbage.

Another ongoing problem on Ninth street he spoke on is the feral cats. There is a property on Ninth street that has a hole in the foundation that a lot of the cats are living in. There have been multiple reports of cats ran over on Huron Ave and the corner of Ninth street. Walker let Council know he would be addressing the problem asap. Mayor Bruno spoke at this time and asked about the TNR program in Renovo Borough. Councilwomen Serafini-Brooks explained how the TNR program works, and currently there is no one in Renovo Borough trapping the cats and taking them to the Vet to be spayed/neutered.

Lastly, there were strong winds in the first couple weeks of March which caused a window to be knocked out of a building on Erie Ave, thankfully there was not someone walking below at that time Walker said. Mayor Bruno said this has also been an ongoing problem and the homeowners were contacted multiple times to fix the problem areas on their building but the necessary repairs were not done properly.

**MONTHLY CORRESPONDENCE**

Wayne Township Landfill has scheduled the 2024 Residential Tire Collection Event for May 17 and May 18. The municipality can bring in tires for their residents with a completed manifest listing each participant.

On Thursday March 28<sup>th</sup> at Dunnstown Firehall at 8:00am, Senator Dush will be hosting a "Meet Senator Dush and an Introduction to Funding Opportunities" series for local government leaders. It is designed to provide an opportunity for local officials and Senator Dush's team to meet in an informal setting and lay the foundation for future productive cooperation. Everyone who would like to attend must RSVP by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Renovo Borough will be hosting this year's Clinton County Borough's Association Dinner Meeting at The Good Neighbor Craft House on Tuesday April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Please RSVP by March 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Clinton County Community Foundation has approved a grant of \$1,372.99 for a New storage unit for the Summer Park Program.

The Clinton County Commissioners sent an application for County Liquid Fuels funding. The county will fund no more than 50% of a qualified project's cost. Applications must be received by April 10, 2024.

The Central Mountain ATV Association will be holding its 13<sup>th</sup> annual Cruise for a Cure Fundraiser on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024. They are asking the Borough for a letter of support for their annual event.

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SEDA-COG sent the 1<sup>st</sup> invoice related to the Community Rating System (CRS) program between them and Renovo Borough, specific to calendar years 2019-2023. SEDA-COG asks that the Borough agrees to consider Year 1 as calendar years 2019-2023. The invoice reflects charges for professional administrative services rendered in and for Renovo Borough in accordance with the Professional and Administrative Services Agreement dated September 12, 2018.

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation sent a Notice of Payment that we will receive our Liquid Fuels Tax Fund payment in the amount of \$40,262.32 on March 1, 2024.

The Clinton County Treasurer's Office sent a letter of approval for the Repository Property bids made on behalf of Renovo Borough.

The Greater Renovo Area Heritage Park is seeking donations for their Summer Concert Series. They are now collaborating with Citizens Fire Dept in South Renovo for the Venue; with their gazebo the bands will be protected from the elements the summer brings.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has completed its review of the 2023 Annual Waste load Management Report as required by 25 PA. Code 94.12 and the report is considered acceptable.

FEMA sent a letter of approval for our Hazard Mitigation plan. The plan meets the requirements of Title 4, Chapter 1, Section 201.6, of the Code of Federal Regulations. Participation communities are now eligible for FEMA non-emergency assistance and mitigation grants.

Renovo Borough Water Authority sent Council the approved minutes from their December 11<sup>th</sup> and January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 meetings.

Western Clinton County Municipal Authority sent Council the approved minutes from their February 7<sup>th</sup> and February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 meetings.

#### **MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Bruno thanked Council for their generous donation of \$1200 to Constable Dave Walker. He feels this a huge step forward for Renovo Borough and our Police Department. He also let Council know that South Renovo Borough gave \$1200 and Chapman will revisit their donation at their next regular meeting.

The Mayor read an "811 Proclamation" recognizing April 2024 as "Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month".

Mayor Bruno also let Council know that the Nursing Home within Bucktail Medical Center will be closing on May 14, 2024, the amount of time it takes to receive money from patients on state insurance is a big reason for this.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Administration**- K.Serafini-Brooks went over account balances; she stated the accounts are in good standing.

General Fund Checking- **\$48,502.81** (after bills are paid)

General Fund Street Maintenance Saving- **\$24,986.02** (\$59.39 int)

Highway Aid Checking- **\$2,114.61** (after bills are paid)

Highway Aid Savings- **\$64,362.65** (\$152.99int)

Retirement Fund- **\$15.13**

PennDOT Projects Account-**\$52.09** (.12 int)

ARPA Covid Relief Grant-**\$128,703.74** (\$178.32int)

Trail Development Grant-**\$12,509.59**(\$17.33 int)

January Earned Income Tax-**\$0**

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January LST Tax- **\$0**

January Real Estate Tax- **\$28,327.88** (Prior year October, November, December 2023 Taxes)

Delinquent Tax Collected- **\$13,764.52**

Police/Fire Committee- Mayor Bruno will speak with Steve Murgas on police services that need to be approved by Council first.

Building Committee/Health & Sanitation-Nothing to report.

Streets/Park Committee- Nothing to report.

R.Balchun entered the meeting at this time, 6:46.

Ordinance Committee- Councilwomen Rauch would like the ordinance committee to meet soon to address the accumulation of rubbish on porches and sidewalks. Councilwomen Balchun offered a spring clean up to address the problem.

Grants Committee- Nothing to report.

#### **WATER AUTHORITY BUSINESS**

Renovo Brough Water Authority applied for a Penn vest grant/loan for 5 million dollars to help replace the water lines throughout Renovo Borough.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A motion was made by J.Simon and seconded by P.Rauch to Adopt Ordinance No.816. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

Council advertised to submit letters of interest for the Emergency Management Coordinator position, letters of interest were to be submitted by March 07, 2024. At this time no letters were received.

**A motion was made by R.Balchun and seconded by P.Rauch to appoint Dave Knauff as Emergency Management Coordinator. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously. Councilman Dave Knauff abstained from voting.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Council went into a lengthy discussion about a property located on Champlain Ave. They would like the Secretary to reach out to Solicitor Stuart Hall to check on ACT 152 and how to proceed with the Condemnation of a property in Renovo Borough.

**A motion was made by K.Serafini-Brooks and seconded by J.Simon to consent to the approval of Repository Bids. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by P.Rauch and seconded by K.Serafini-Brooks to donate an out of commission Police Body Cam from Renovo Borough Police Department to Constable David Walker. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by R.Balchun and seconded by J.Simon to donate \$500 to Heritage Park for their Summer Concert series. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

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**A motion was made K.Serafini-Brooks and seconded by P.Rauch to write a support letter for Central Mountain ATV Association for the upcoming ATV ride. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by D.Knauff and seconded by P.Rauch to put another \$188 towards the \$800 that was budgeted for a new spring rider for 16<sup>th</sup> Street park due to price increases. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council went into Executive at 7:49 and returned at 8:00 for personnel issues.

**A motion was made by K.Serafini-Brooks and seconded by R.Balchun to have Leon Tarr return to work on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to continue with his part time position working Monday-Wednesday 8:30-4:30. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by k.Serafini-Brooks and seconded by R.Balchun to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm. A voice vote was taken motion passed unanimously.**

ATTEST: Ashley Sporny, Secretary/Treasurer  
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