

**Renovo Borough Council**  
**128 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Renovo, PA 17764**  
**March 8, 2023**

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, David Knauff, Patricia Rauch, Kristy Serafini-Brooks (arrived at 6:42) and John Simon. Also in attendance were Mayor Gene Bruno, Secretary/Treasurer Marsha Davis and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Ashley Sporny.  
Absent: William Fornwalt III

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by R. Balchun to accept the minutes as written for the February 8 regular meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**BILLS**

Administration-\$10,909.99/Building-\$1295.46/Fire-\$0/Parks-\$81.57/Police-\$3168.64/  
Streets-\$2772.29.

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

**GALLERY**

**MONTHLY CORRESPONDENCE**

Hoy Inspection Service LLC sent Council the monthly report for February 2023.

Wayne Township Landfill has scheduled the 2023 Residential Tire Collection Event for May 12 and May 13. The municipality can bring in tires for their residents with a completed manifest listing each participant.

Wayne Township Landfill will be holding the 2023 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event on July 8. The landfill is asking for sponsors for this event.

Tim Reeves, Administrator of Bucktail Medical Center provided Council an update on the proposed ambulance service. The hospital has sufficient qualified personnel to move forward with this service if the application is approved at the state level.

Berkshire Hathaway Energy Company provided Council with the annual downstream notification of the Eastern GTS Leidy Station.

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, 2023.

The Department of Environmental Protection sent notice that they have completed their review of the 2022 Annual Wasteload Management (Chapter 94) Report for the Western Clinton County Municipal Authority Sewer System. The report was considered acceptable and meets Chapter 94 reporting requirements.

Council was notified that the Clinton County Borough's Association Dinner Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 11 at the Sugar Valley Community Fire Company in Loganton. RSVP before April 1, 2023.

The Renovo Borough Water Authority sent Council the minutes from the January 17, 2023 meeting.

The WCCMA sent Council the minutes from the February 1 and February 15, 2023 meetings.

**MAYORS REPORT**

The Mayor read an "811 Proclamation" recognizing April 2023 as "Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month".

Mayor Bruno stated that the Police Committee will be interviewing a new applicant for the police officer position.

The Mayor informed Council that the Informant police reporting system is almost ready to go. He read some of the police reports from the past month.

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Mayor Bruno talked about buyers interested in the Mills Parks and Yesterday's buildings that are both back out on the market for sale.

The Mayor talked to Council about properties that Hoy Inspections has violations on and concerns with the ATVs going on Norfolk Southern's property. He suggested some type of barriers on the section of Erie Avenue that the ATVs use to access the property.

Kristy Serafini-Brooks arrived at this time. (6:42 pm)

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administration-R. Balchun went over the account balances with Council.

General Fund Checking- **\$8878.76** (after payment of bills)  
General Fund Street Maintenance Saving- **\$24,346.34** (\$51.13 int)  
Highway Aid Checking- **\$10,590.46** (\$40,537.98 dep - \$30,000 to savings)  
Highway Aid Savings- **\$87,315.36** (\$120.38 int + \$30,000 from ckg)  
Retirement Fund- **\$1056.35**  
PennDOT Projects Account-**\$50.76** (.11 int)  
ARPA Covid Relief Grant-**\$126,773.73** (\$148.84 int)  
Trail Development Grant-**\$20,037.23** (23.52 int)

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February Real Estate Tax-**\$0**  
February Earned Income Tax-**\$3432.23**  
February LST Tax-**\$0**

Police/Fire Committee-Nothing to report.

Building Committee/Health & Sanitation-Nothing to report.

Streets/Park Committee- Nothing to report.

Ordinance Committee- Proposed Fireworks Ordinance was presented to Council.

Grants Committee-Grant Advisor Kari Kepler sent information on a Susquehanna Greenway grant that would require a 15% match. She thinks the borough should apply to this grant for the Memorial Park Rehabilitation. She also advises that the borough also reapply to the DCNR grant.

#### **WATER AUTHORITY BUSINESS**

A meeting was held concerning the merger of the water authorities with members of both Chapman Township and South Renovo in attendance.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Administration Committee will meet to go over the Policies and Procedures manual and make any appropriate recommendations for changes.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Solicitor Stuart Hall sent Council a proposed Fireworks Ordinance for review. Council discussed changing the time on July 4 and preceding and following days of July 4 and December 31 to 12:00 am. This is a change from 1:00 am.

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to advertise the proposed Fireworks Ordinance with the above-mentioned time changes. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by J. Simon to open a Hazard Mitigation Grant account with Marsha Davis, Secretary/Treasurer, Ashley Sporny, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer,**

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**Councilwomen Ann Tarantella and Rhonda Balchun as signers on the account. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by R. Balchun to add Ashley Sporny, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer to all the borough accounts. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to approve a Handicap Parking application for Larry Shinn at 242 4<sup>th</sup> Street based on Officer Drollinger's recommendation. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by J. Simon to send a donation for the Veteran's Mural in the amount of \$1000 to Heritage Park. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by J. Simon to pay the Penncore Consulting invoice of \$7722.50 for the Memorial Park grant preparation out of the Trail Development grant fund. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by R. Balchun to have Penncore Consulting resubmit the DCNR grant for the Memorial Park Rehabilitation. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by R. Balchun to send a support letter for the Renovo Energy Center project before the appeals hearing. 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 8:19 pm. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**ATTEST: Marsha Davis, Secretary/Treasurer  
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