

Renovo Borough Council
128 5th Street, Renovo, PA 17764
May 10, 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 Vice-President Patricia Rauch with the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag. The following Council Members were present; R. Balchun, W. Fornwalt III, David Knauff, Kristy Serafini-Brooks and John Simon. Also in attendance was Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Ashley Sporny and Mayor Gene Bruno.
Absent: Ann Tarantella

PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made by W. Fornwalt III and seconded by R. Balchun to accept the minutes as written for the April 12th regular meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

BILLS

Administration-\$3973.97/Building-\$580.64/Fire-\$0/Parks-\$417.06/Police-\$2107.60/
Streets-\$5341.74.

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

GALLERY

Members of the newly formed program Renovo Area Outreach introduced themselves to Renovo Borough Council and asked to work with the borough's support in the town's dealings with drug abuse. The Organizations Vice President Maureen Ruhl spoke on behalf of the group about their plans of prevention and how they will be utilizing the community's resources to keep drugs out of children's hands by implementing programs that include substance abuse prevention. Activities will fluctuate from communication campaigns, hosting drug-free social events, and offering educational training courses for youth and parents, specifically designed to address risk and protective factors for substance abuse. These activities are intended to address risk factors and promote protective measures, creating strong relationships with trusted adults.

President of the group, Dave Young spoke as well and stated in addition to area youth, the group plans to utilize local resources to help those struggling with addiction. They hope that implementing self-help programs like Narcotics Anonymous, which hosts weekly meetings at the Salvation Army Renovo, will allow those struggling with addiction to begin their journey to recovery. Young gave a passionate speech of what the group hopes to accomplish, tearing up at one point saying that he gets emotional at times because he knows what it is like as a recovering addict.

Councilwomen Balchun thanked Young for his speech and congratulated him on his recovery.

Vice-President Rauch, told Young if the organizations members were planning to work with children, background clearances of its members would be necessary prior to a partnership with the Borough.

Mayor Gene Bruno spoke as well, reassuring the group that there is a police presence in the community, Officer Drollinger, who works 20-25 hours a week. He also said there is a high probability of hiring a new officer very soon, with full time hours which would give Renovo Borough 65-70 policing hours per week.

MONTHLY CORRESPONDENCE

Deb Pedokus provided Council a copy of the Tax Collector's report for April 2023

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

The Department of Environmental Protection received the Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan Special Study. The submitted plan was determined to be incomplete. A complete and updated plan must be submitted to the Department for reconsideration.

Solicitor Stuart Hall sent Council documents from Attorney Miceli questioning whether the Borough ever issued a right-of-way or deed in conjunction with Ordinance No. 656. This Ordinance transferred the existing sewer system to the Western Clinton County Municipal Authority. If not, Solicitor Hall suggested the Council grant a motion giving the Western Clinton County Municipal Authority permission for the Authority to enter onto Borough lands to maintain the right-of-way for the main sewer line and collector system.

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Girard sent Council the uniform pension plan statement for the first quarter of 2023 with a quarterly fee invoice of \$2418.74 paid out of plan assets.

Girard provided Council with the 2022 GASB 67 for the uniform pension plan. These reports will be provided to the local or state auditor upon request.

Timothy Reeves, Administrator of Bucktail Medical Center, informed Council that the Center received the Licensure for Basic Life Support ambulance service and will be announcing a go live date soon. A meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2023 at 6:00 pm at the hospital.

Wayne Township Landfill will be holding a Household Hazardous Waste Collection event on July 8, 2023 from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Authority's Recycling Center. The Authority is looking for sponsors for this event with donations received by the end of May.

The Renovo Borough Water Authority sent Council the minutes from the March 21, 2023 meeting.

The WCCMA sent Council the minutes from the April 5 and April 19, 2023 meetings.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Bruno spoke of the ongoing vandalism of 16th street park bathrooms. He feels the bathroom should be locked and only left open during the day while the Summer Park Program runs.

The Mayor let council know that the cameras at 16th street park were not adequately set up for viewing purposes and they would need to be re-networked for easier viewing.

Officer-In-Charge, Greg Drollinger spoke at this time giving Council a brief description of the invoices received from Steve Murgas for the re-networking of Park Cameras and the Firewall/UPS system for the Police Server. Drollinger stated that the park cameras at 16th street and the Borough building were setup on two different networks, wired separately, and this makes them difficult to access to review footage. Re-networking them would allow him to view them together and easily from a desktop computer versus in the police office on the TV monitor that they are currently running on.

The Mayor spoke with Eric Kelson an interested party for the Shimp building at 224 St. Claire Avenue, on possibly buying and turning it into a rental property with 2-3 apartments.

Mayor Bruno also informed council he spoke with another gentleman, Mr. Pattell, interested in the Mills Park property. He would like to possibly buy the property and turn it into an Airbnb.

The Mayor stated he dropped all charges through District Justice Mills Office on Austin Shimp for his property at 224 St Clair Avenue. With the agreement the property would be cleaned up and the lower windows and doors would be boarded. Shimp agreed to allow the borough maintenance crew to clean up around his building and to board the specified areas up.

Council went into lengthy discussion about the Shimp building and how they could help with the property to make it safer for the public.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by D. Knauff to use plywood that was donated to the borough for the boarding of the Shimp building at 224 St Clair Avenue , during an arranged community volunteer day with signed liability waivers. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Bruno read the EMS Proclamation, designating the Week of May 21-27, 2023 as Emergency Medical Services Week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

General Fund Checking- **\$109,735.86** (after payment of bills)

General Fund Street Maintenance Saving- **\$24,460.93** (\$56.42 int)

Highway Aid Checking- **\$4666.90**

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Highway Aid Savings- **\$87,721.69** (\$202.35 int)
Retirement Fund- **\$15.13**
PennDOT Projects Account-**\$51.00** (.12 int)
ARPA Covid Relief Grant-**\$127,121.01** (\$170.91 int)
Trail Development Grant-**\$12,355.76** (16.62 int)

April Real Estate Tax-**\$28,180.77**
April Earned Income Tax-**\$3277.82**
April LST Tax-**\$1048.87**

Police/Fire Committee- K. Serafini-Brooks called for Executive Meeting on Personnel Issues.

Building Committee/Health & Sanitation- W. Fornwalt III spoke on complaints made about a red atv driving recklessly through town, down alleys, and back streets. Officer-In-Charge Greg Drollinger spoke at this time saying he cited a male on a red atv. W. Fornwalt III asked Officer Drollinger what the law on electric scooters driving on the main highway is? He stated he has had multiple complaints. Drollinger said he would research the law and get back to him with the information.

Streets/Park Committee- Nothing to report.

Ordinance Committee- Ordinance Officer Dave Walker said starting next week he will begin ticketing cars sitting in yards. He asked Council how long should be given between issuing a ticket and towing.

Grants Committee- Nothing to report.

WATER AUTHORITY BUSINESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by R. Balchun to give the Western Clinton County Municipal Authority permission to enter onto Borough lands for the purpose of maintaining the main sewer line and collector system and the rights-of-way for the main sewer line and collector system. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by R. Balchun to pass Resolution 9-2023 to apply for a Susquehanna Greenways Grant for the rehabilitation of Memorial Park at a cost of 100,000. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by W. Fornwalt III to pass Resolution 10-2023 for the disposition of public records from 2005-2012. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to pass Resolution 11-2023 to adopt the proposed ACT 537 Sewage Facilities Plan-Special Study. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Gene Bruno spoke briefly on a new Crimewatch program forming soon. He is hopeful the first meeting will be held sometime in June 2023 at the Renovo Firehall. In attendance at the first meeting, along with Renovo Police Officers, would be the Clinton County Sherrif. The sheriff will be there to speak on matters related to the town and give his opinion but will not be working in capacity as sheriff with the program. P. Rauch asked that each volunteer in this program have back ground checks completed.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by W. Fornwalt III to pay the invoice from BlueAlly for \$1,025.56 for UPS System/Firewall for the Police Server. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by K .Serafini-Brooks to pay the invoice from Steve Murgas for \$850 to Re-Network the cameras. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by J. Simon and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to buy a steel door for the Borough Building garage from the Home Depot for \$438 plus shipping. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

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A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by W. Fornwalt III to give permission for the Mayor to call Thompsons and Smith's Construction for quotes on delivery of Mulch from Wayne Township. If the amount is less or the same as the price stated for delivery, to go ahead with purchase. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

R. Balchun asked that next time we apply for the Community Foundation Grant that we ask for rubber mulch for our parks.

A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by J. Simon to advertise the EMS Proclamation Ad in the Renovo Record for the above dates mentioned. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by R. Balchun to approve a Handicap Parking application for John Donges at 233 10th Street based on officer Drollinger's recommendation. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

Council went into Executive Session at 7:37 pm for personnel issues.

Executive Session ended at 8:02 pm.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to hire Officer James Knarr Full time with a starting pay of \$24 per hour and a start date of May 11, 2023 pending the passing of background checks and other required steps in the hiring process with a six month probationary period. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by J. Simon to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: Ashley Sporny, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
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