

Renovo Borough Council
128 5th Street, Renovo, PA 17764
May 11, 2022

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; Rhonda Balchun, William Fornwalt III, David Knauff and John Simon. Also in attendance were Mayor Gene Bruno, Secretary/Treasurer Marsha Davis and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Sheri Whipp.
Absent: Patricia Rauch, Kristy Serafini-Brooks.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by J. Simon to accept the minutes as written for the April 13, 2022 regular meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

BILLS

Administration-\$8190.42/Building-\$1144.49/Fire-\$0/Parks-\$595.95/Police-\$850.48/
Streets-\$7663.69.

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

GALLERY

Greg Zembower, a real estate investor, spoke to Council about two properties he is renovating on Erie Avenue. He loves it here and sees a huge potential for recreational activities in this area. The one property that he is renovating is a commercial space. He would like to see some type of business come in and he would renovate to fit the business. Mr. Zembower informed Council that he may want to put in some type of parking in the lot next to the building and asked about the requirements for a curb cut. Mr. Zembower provided his phone number for potential business occupants.

MONTHLY CORRESPONDENCE

Deborah Pedokus, Renovo Borough Tax Collector provided Council with the tax report for April 2022.

Solicitor Stuart Hall notified Council that his office continually checks the dockets in the Commonwealth Court concerning the 14th Street Appeal. Solicitor Hall expects a decision within the next one or two months.

The Clinton County Conservation District sent notification that they have determined that the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit application to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection permit application for Renovo Energy Center, LLC is complete. The Department of Environmental Protection will now proceed with the technical review of the application.

PennCore Consulting notified the Clinton County Commissioners that Renovo Borough is registering the use of a General Permit No. 3 for a Bank Rehabilitation and Protection with the Department of Environmental Protection. The permit will authorize the installation of a protective wall along Brewery Run in Renovo Borough, Clinton County.

The Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB) sent Council proposed constitution changes involving consideration of the extent of the authority to act under emergency circumstances. The proposed changes will be voted on by the official borough delegate at the annual business meeting on May 25, 2022 at The Hershey Lodge.

David Bolton, a member of the PSAB Board of Directors and the PSAB Resolution and Policy Committee, sent Council a resolution template calling for the legalization of cannabis in our state and expungement of previous crimes from the records of those convicted for partaking of a plant. He would like a copy if Council adopts this resolution as he will be lobbying for support of its adoption to the PSAB Resolution and Policy Committee at the annual conference.

Seven Mountains EMS Council sent Council notice that the week of May 16-21, 2022 is National Emergency Medical Services Week. It is a week to recognize prehospital and EMS practitioners for the many hours they spend preparing for and delivering care to the residents and visitors within our communities. Seven Mountains provided Council with a proclamation template to recognize these individuals.

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The Clinton County Association of Township Officials will hold a convention on June 2, 2022 from 9:30am - 3:00 pm at the Clinton County Fairgrounds. The Association is hosting a local government day "Trade Show" for the 21 townships and 7 boroughs of Clinton County. All planning to attend must register by May 27th at a fee of \$20 per person which includes lunch.

Girard Pension Services, LLC sent Council the first quarter account statement for the Renovo Borough Police Pension Plan. A copy of the quarterly fee of \$2596.85 taken out of plan assets was also provided.

The Renovo Area Library Advisory Board informed Council that the three libraries of Beech Creek, Lock Haven and Renovo are now being viewed as operating as a single unit and should work in unison. Ross Library will be the central point where expenses are authorized and paid. The Renovo Area Library will relinquish its accumulated funds and accounts to the Ross Library. Due to these changes a Friends of the Renovo Library was recently created by local citizens to provide programs and services to Western Clinton County residents. The Board asks for your support of the Friends of the Renovo Library. All contributions and memorials can be mailed to Friends of the Renovo Library, PO Box 244, Renovo, PA.

The St. Joseph Church is requesting permission to block off Larch Street and borrow the borough's barricades for the Annual Parish Festival on June 20-25, 2022.

Hoy Inspection Service LLC provide Council with a list of activities for April 2022.

The Renovo Borough Water Authority sent Council the minutes from the March 15, 2022 meeting.

The WCCMA sent Council the minutes from the April 6, 2022 meeting.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Bruno read a Proclamation recognizing the week of May 16-21, 2022 as National Emergency Services Week.

The Mayor updated Council on several properties that Ordinance Officer Dave Walker and Building Code Inspector Roger Hoy have given warnings to. He has gone with them to inspect a couple of these properties. Mr. Walker has given out multiple warnings and a few tickets in his short time as Ordinance Officer.

Mayor Bruno and Council discussed the idea of placing more cameras in town to coincide with a neighborhood watch program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration-R. Balchun read a quick report of account balances.

General Fund Checking- **\$137,737.21** (after payment of bills)

General Fund Street Maintenance Saving- **\$200.45**

Highway Aid Checking- **\$123.44**

Highway Aid Savings- **\$81,890.39** (\$2.70 int)

Retirement Fund- **\$15.13**

PennDOT Projects Account-**\$50.40** (\$.01 int)

ARPA Covid Relief Grant-**\$63,071.98** (\$1.04 int)

April Real Estate Tax-**\$53,668.55**

April Earned Income Tax-**\$2840.31**

April LST Tax-**\$1388.92**

April Delinquent Tax-**\$8623.97**

R. Balchun informed Council that the administration committee met to go over any changes needed in the Policy and Procedure Handbook. There was only one change recommended with clarification of fringe benefits for seasonal employees and part-time police officers.

Police/Fire Committee-The police committee has received three applications and will set up an interview with one of the applicants.

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Building Committee/Health & Sanitation-Nothing to report.

Streets/Park Committee- Nothing to report.

Ordinance Committee- Nothing to report.

Grants Committee-Nothing to report.

WATER AUTHORITY BUSINESS

The authority is in the process of shutting residences and businesses off that are behind in their water payments and they have been separating water lines.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by J. Simon and seconded by R. Balchun to allow St. Joseph's church to block off Larch Street from Monday, June 20 through Saturday, June 25, 2022 and allow them to borrow the borough's barricades for the annual Parish Festival. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by D. Knauff to pass Resolution 11-2022 to apply for a Multimodal Project Grant for the drainage and street repair of Delaware Avenue in the amount of \$500,000. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by W. Fornwalt III and seconded by R. Balchun to amend the Renovo Borough Policy and Procedure Handbook concerning fringe benefits for year-round seasonal employees, part-time employee who work (15) fifteen hours a week or less and part-time police officers. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by R. Balchun to approve a handicap parking application for Debra Proctor at 135 10th Street based on Officer Foley's recommendation. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by D. Knauff to allow Mayor Bruno to proceed with the Erie Avenue senior project. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

J. Simon suggested we check with Jim Dremel to see if he will allow the landfill to put a cement pad down for the recycling bins. The Mayor will check with Mr. Dremel to see if he is in agreement.

Bob Cozzi, who came into the Gallery late, asked Council if they would consider purchasing some flags for the bridges and war memorial. The Veteran's Administration does not have any flags to give out this year due to availability and cost. Mr. Cozzi asked Council if they would split the cost with South Renovo for the bridges.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by D. Knauff to purchase three (3) American flags and one POW flag. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by D. Knauff to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: Marsha Davis, Secretary/Treasurer
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