

Renovo Borough Council
128 5th Street, Renovo, PA 17764
May 13, 2020

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, Patricia Rauch, Kristy Serafini-Brooks, John Simon and Mayor Thomas Tarantella, Jr. Also in attendance was Secretary/Treasurer Marsha Davis.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by R. Balchun to accept the minutes as written for the April 8, 2020 regular meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by R. Balchun to accept the minutes as written for the April 27, 2020 special meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

BILLS

Administration-\$17,492.31/Building-\$628.87/Fire-\$0/Parks-\$249.12/Police-\$1743.24/
Streets-\$6440.65.

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

GALLERY

No one in attendance.

CORRESPONDENCE

Code Inspections, Inc. sent the permit activity for March 2020 with \$0 in municipal fees.

Lecce Electric, Inc. provided a quote of \$1430 for the annual traffic signal maintenance at the intersection of SR120 and SR144.

The Sandy Run Property Owner's Association informed Council there annual meeting will not be held this year due to the Covid-19 virus. The Association also provided the minutes and treasurers report from the annual May 4, 2019 meeting.

Joe Waltz, a candidate for the Pennsylvania 76th Legislative District, sent a letter of introduction to Council. He is willing to set up a Zoom video conference or phone call to get better acquainted with Council members.

The Central Mountain ATV Association is requesting temporary road closings within the borough for the annual ATV Cruise for a Cure to be held on June 13, 2020 (event recently changed to September 12, 2020 due to Covid-19). In the event that this cruise takes place they need to get things in place for permit and insurance approvals.

The Department of the Auditor General sent Council a copy of the Liquid Fuels audit for the period of January 1, 2017 to December 31, 2018.

Solicitor Stuart Hall sent Council notice that the conference concerning the 14th Street appeal has been rescheduled from April 14, 2020 to July 7, 2020 at 1:30 pm before Judge Salisbury in Courtroom No. 2.

STV Engineering, on behalf of Renovo Borough, sent notice to the Renovo Borough and Clinton County that the borough is applying for a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant to replace sidewalks and curbs on 3rd, 4th, 9th, 10th, 11th and 12th Streets. Any comments concerning this project are to be sent to Renovo Borough.

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Girard Pension Services sent Council the first quarter investment report for the police pension plan ending March 31, 2020. A copy of the quarterly fee invoice of \$2122.89, which is paid out of plan assets, was also attached.

RobertsMiceli, LLP sent Council an agreement to abandon unopened 13th Street and to convey a portion of the property to Eugene and Tracy Bruno and to retain a portion by the Clinton County Housing Authority. Solicitor Stuart Hall responded to this request stating that the Borough Code does not allow abandonment by way of agreement. A proposed Ordinance must be advertised and public hearing must be held before this can take place. Solicitor Hall will also be checking to see if 13th Street has already been vacated thus negating any further action on this matter.

Comcast sent Council notice of upcoming programming changes.

The Renovo Borough Water Authority sent Council the minutes from their March 17, 2020 meeting.

The Western Clinton County Municipal Authority sent the minutes from the February 19, March 6, March 18 and April 1, 2020 meetings.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Tarantella recommends keeping the borough parks and municipal building closed until Clinton County goes into the green phase.

The Mayor reported there has been multiple vandalism in the past couple weeks with tires being slashed in the borough and with graffiti at the Flaming Foliage lot.

Mayor Tarantella wanted to thank and show appreciation to Officer Foley for helping out during the food bank distributions.

The Mayor reported that he had a teleconference with Corporal Jeffries and an arbitrator concerning Corporal Jeffries concerns over his hours being reduced and being called an "at will" employee that he believed was to curtail collective bargaining negotiations. After the call it was agreed the working hours of the Renovo Police Officers will remain at 80 hours per a bi-weekly work schedule. It was also confirmed that the Borough recognizes the Officers as "not" at-will employees. Corporal Jeffries now has ten (10) days from the date of signature of the Agreement to withdraw his charges he had filed with the PA Labor Relations Board.

Mayor Tarantella reported that he has met with the Police Committee to continue to review the Collective Bargaining Agreement. The committee will be meeting again in the near future to continue to review the proposed agreement and to begin negotiations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration Committee- R. Balchun told Council to review the current balances in the Renovo Borough bank accounts as of May 13, 2020 and taxes received in April 2020:

General Fund Checking- **\$82,544.49** (after payment of the bills)
General Fund Street Maintenance Saving- **\$4804.82** (.20 int.)
Highway Aid Checking- **\$1030.06**
Highway Aid Savings- **\$70,827.13** (\$4.06 int.)
Retirement Fund- **\$14.57**
PennDOT Projects Account-**\$50.32** (\$7673.99 DD paid to STV Engineering)
DCNR Peer Grant-**\$9146.73** (\$.37 int.)
TC Police Car Grant-**\$10,000**

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April Real Estate Tax- \$44,403.25
April Delinquent Tax- \$3614.50
April Earned Income Tax- \$2039.21

Police/Fire Committee-Nothing to report.

Building Committee/Health & Sanitation-Nothing to report.

Streets/Park Committee- D. Knauff reported that the streets department have been patching potholes. They also put the speed bumps back on Erie and Ontario Avenue for the summer. Councilman D. Knauff noted there was one application for the position of summer intern.

Grants Committee-Grants Advisor, Kari Kepler spoke to Council via teleconference. She stated she will be meeting soon with officials about the CDBG Competitive Grant for the water replacement project on St. Clair Avenue. She is also trying to include the replacement of sewer lines and the paving of St. Clair as part of the project. Seda-Cog has to be the applicant on behalf of the borough for this proposed project.

There is CDBG special funding through Clinton County that will be available due to Covid-19. The county commissioners would like to offer multiple \$5000 grants to small businesses with this funding. A public meeting was held for comments and applications will be available towards the beginning of June.

The county commissioners will be announcing a decision on the county liquid fuels funding applications at tomorrow's meeting. The borough applied for the paving of 12th Street with a fifty percent match to come from the liquid fuels fund.

K. Kepler received a call from Engineer Alan Uhler stating that William Bousquet informed Mr. Uhler that they will be soon authorizing him to proceed with the water line realignment this fall for 4th Street.

STV Engineering have been working on the Multimodal application for a Sidewalk and Curb Enhancement project in the borough. They are doing a great job and are close to being able to submit the application. There is no match needed for this grant funding.

Ordinance Committee-Officer Foley informed Council that he has been giving out multiple warnings for high grass and garbage. He will be setting up a meeting in the future with the committee to continue to review Ordinances.

WATER AUTHORITY BUSINESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by W. Fornwalt III to adopt Resolution 8-2020 to apply for a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant of \$2,015,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for Renovo Borough sidewalk and curb enhancements. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

An Emergency Declaration of Disaster for Renovo Borough that was declared by Mayor T. Tarantella, Jr. and Council on April 8, 2020 was brought before Council to extend until Governor Wolf lifts the Emergency Declaration of Disaster on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

A motion was made by W. Fornwalt III and seconded by R. Balchun to adopt Resolution 9-2020 extending the Emergency Declaration of Disaster for the Renovo Borough until Governor Wolf lifts

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the Emergency Declaration of Disaster on the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by W. Fornwalt III to accept the quote of \$1430.00 from Lecce Electric, Inc. for the annual 2020 traffic signal maintenance. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to approve the street closing for a small section of borough roads on sections of Champlain Avenue and Stouts Hill Avenue for the annual ATV "Cruise for a Cure Ride" to be tentatively held on September 12, 2020. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to relist with Davis Real Estate as the real estate agent for the former Family Dollar building for another year at 5% commission. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by W. Fornwalt III to hire Gavin Gavlock as the SLIP intern with the 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 1 and ending August 17, 2020. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously with R. Balchun abstaining due to familial relations.

Council discussed the immediate need for a Taser for Officer Foley. Officer Foley also asked Council if he could make payroll deductions for a new bullet proof vest since the policy is for each officer to purchase his own. Council will send a letter to Chapman Township asking if they would be willing to donate anything towards the Taser and towards Officer Foley's vest purchase.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to proceed with a purchase of a Taser and bullet proof vest based on Officer Foley's research and recommendation with payroll deductions set up for the vest purchase. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by R. Balchun to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: Marsha Davis, Secretary/Treasurer
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