

Renovo Borough Council

**128 5th Street, Renovo, PA 17764 November
13, 2024**

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, David Knauff, Patricia Rauch, John Simon and Michael Kelley. Also in attendance, Secretary/Treasurer Ashley Sporny
Absent: Mayor Gene Bruno, 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 October 9, 2024, regular meeting. A voice vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously.

BILLS

Administration-\$18,532.36/Building-\$673.89/Fire-\$0/Parks-\$502.16/Police-\$3565.10/ Streets
\$9,403.99

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

GALLERY: Theresa Casper, Renovo resident asked Council about the Local Share grant that the Borough is applying for, for Demolition of property located at 215/217 Champlain Avenue. Borough Secretary informed her of the Borough's hopes to use those grant funds, if received, to demolish the property. She also spoke to the Clinton County Planning Department about possible funds available for the demolition of blighted properties. Steve Gibson, Director of Planning responded that the Clinton County Redevelopment Authority was awarded CDBG funding to address blight in communities with LMI, such as Renovo Borough and that he would pass along the information to the Authority.

MONTHLY CORRESPONDENCE

The Clinton County Tax Claim Bureau is requesting written consent for a bid of \$520 from Blair Strouse for the property Control No. 32-16577 in Renovo Borough for the sale to be finalized.

The Clinton Tax Collection Committee sent Council the Agenda for its October 29, 2024 meeting, the Agenda and Special Meeting minutes from September 4, 2024 and the work session minutes from the October 2, 2024 meeting.

Mayor Bruno sent Council a memo outlining the need for more police coverage.

Commissioner Angela Harding is asking Council for a Resolution in support of the Renovo Community Trade Association partnering with DCED to undertake an Economic Development plan for the entire Renovo area. This plan does not require any monetary investment from the borough.

Amtrust sent Council the proposal for Workers Compensation for the term of 11/25/24-11/25/25 in the amount of \$16,278.

Girard Pension Services sent Council the third quarter pension report and an invoice for the quarterly fee of \$2679.94 to be paid out of plan assets.

The Renovo Community Trade Association sent Council the minutes from its September meeting.

The Renovo Borough Water Authority sent Council the minutes from their September 17, 2024 meeting.

The Western Clinton County Sewage Authority sent Council its minutes from their October 2 and October 16 meetings.

MAYORS REPORT: ABSENT

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration- none to report

Police/Fire Committee – none to report

Building Committee/Health & Sanitation- none to report

Streets/Park Committee- none to report

Ordinance Committee- none to report

Grants Committee- none to report

WATER AUTHORITY BUSINESS: none to report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council tabled the proposed Rental property inspections/fees until the December meeting since Councilwomen Serafini-Brooks was absent from the meeting. Borough secretary provided Council with proposed ordinance amendments from Codes Assessment Professionals and Lock Haven City for council to review and give input on at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by R. Balchun to consent to the acceptance of Resolution 192024 approving the repository bid for the property located at 135 8th street also known as Tax Parcel No. C-080014, Control Number No. 32-16577, formerly the property of Kevin P & Jameela Kearns. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by J. Simon to advertise the proposed 2025 budget. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by D. Knauff to adopt Resolution 18-2024 supporting RCTA and DCED to undertake an Economic Development Plan for the entire Renovo Borough. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by P. Rauch to adopt Resolution 19-2024 to apply for a Local Share Grant for demolition of 215/217 Champlain Ave. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by D. Knauff to renew the Worker's Compensation with Amtrust at a cost of \$16,278. A voice vote was taken, motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by J. Simon to share costs on a new fax machine with the Water Authority. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

Council went into Executive Session for personnel issues at 7:00pm and came out of Executive at 8:10 pm.

A motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by P. Rauch to add (3) more days to PTO, Columbus Day, Veterans Day and the Day after Christmas and to change the Part-time PTO to (6) hours and MAX Full-time (8) hours. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by D. Knauff to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

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ATTEST: Ashley Sporny, Secretary/Treasurer
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