

**Renovo Borough Council**  
**128 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Renovo, PA 17764**  
**November 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; Rhonda Balchun , David Knauff, William Fornwalt III, Patricia Rauch and John Simon . Also in attendance were, Mayor Gene Bruno, Secretary/Treasurer Marsha Davis and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Ashley Sporny.  
Absent: Kristy Serafini-Brooks

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by W. Fornwalt III to accept the minutes as written for the October 11, 2023 regular meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**BILLS**

Administration-\$20,085.91/Building-\$659.26/Fire-\$4233.44/Parks-\$1328.04/Police-\$1318.73/  
Streets-\$6636.26.

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

**GALLERY**

Ordinance Officer David Walker updated Council on Ordinance violations within the borough.

**MONTHLY CORRESPONDENCE**

Hoy Inspection Services LLC provided council with Octobers Monthly report.

The Clinton County Conservation District notified council the Brewery Run Project was awarded 100% of the \$10,000 we requested for the Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Roads Program. We must respond in writing by December 15, 2023, as to whether we plan to proceed with the project.

PIRMA will be conducting an election this year on December 15, 2023, to fill (2) Board Member positions. The newly elected Board Members will serve a five-year term of office from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028, They are looking for nominations , if interested in submitting a nominee we must submit a letter no later than October 31, 2023.

Girard pension services, LLC provided council with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Pension report and the Quarterly fee of \$2,399.22 for the Police Pension Fund. This amount has been paid out of plan assets.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection approved Western Clinton County Municipal Authorities Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan Update for Renovo Borough, Chapman Township, and South Renovo Borough. The submitted plan satisfies regulatory requirements and our review found that it will not cause any significant negative environmental impacts.

The Clinton Tax Collection Committee has their next meeting scheduled for December 13, 2023, at the Keystone Central Administration Building in the District Conference Room, at 2:15pm. This meeting will be the regular quarter TCC meeting as well as the annual reorganization meeting where they'll be electing officers and approving the budget.

The Western Clinton County Municipal Authority advised council that the term of office for William Fornwalt III on the Board of Directors will expire on the first Monday January, 2024. They respectfully request his reappointment to another five-year term of office,

Renovo Borough Water Authority provided council with the minutes from their meetings held on September 19, 2023 and October 4, 2023.

The Western Clinton County Municipal Authority provided council with the minutes from their October 4<sup>th</sup> and October 18<sup>th</sup> meetings.

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**MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Bruno congratulated David Walker for being elected as Constable for Western Clinton County and asked Council to support his cost for Constable training. Mr. Walker will be asking other municipalities to help as well.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

General Fund Checking- **\$51,007.47** (after bills are paid)  
General Fund Street Maintenance Saving- **\$24,809.86** (\$59.13 int)  
Highway Aid Checking- **\$11,305.81** (+15,000 from savings-bills)  
Highway Aid Savings- **\$63,901.94** (\$188.05 int-\$15,000 to Checking)  
Retirement Fund- **\$1953.60**  
PennDOT Projects Account-**\$51.73** (.13 int)  
ARPA Covid Relief Grant-**\$128,174.31** (\$178.07 int)  
Trail Development Grant-**\$12,458.13** (\$17.30 int)

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October Earned Income Tax-**\$2659.84**  
October LST Tax-**\$933.25**  
October Delinquent Tax-**\$23,141.54**

R. Balchun stated that the committee has prepared the budget for 2024 and it is on the Agenda to advertise for adoption at the December 13 meeting.

Police/Fire Committee-Nothing to report.

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**

Nothing to report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by J. Simon to advertise the 2024 proposed budget for adoption at the December 13, 2023 meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by W. Fornwalt III to approve Resolution 14-2023 to apply for a Local Share Grant for Delaware Avenue improvements. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by W. Fornwalt III and seconded by R. Balchun to approve Resolution 15-2023 and Agreement for contracted police services with Chapman Township for a fee of \$26,000. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by D. Knauff to approve Resolution 16-2023 to apply for a USDA Grant/Loan for a borough pick-up truck with plow and spreader. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by J. Simon and seconded by P. Rauch to renew the Workers Compensation with Amtrust for an annual cost of \$14,520. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

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**A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by R. Balchun to approve the handicap sign application for Sidney McGowan at 233 7<sup>th</sup> Street. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by R. Balchun to appoint W. Fornwalt III to another five (5) year term of service to the Western Clinton County Municipal Authority beginning the first Monday of January, 2024. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously with W. Fornwalt III abstaining.**

**A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by J. Simon to have Bucktail Enterprises, Inc. fix the sidewalk at 5<sup>th</sup> and Ontario Avenue at a cost of \$988. A voice vote was taken, motion passed with five (5) yes votes and one (1) no vote from R. Balchun.**

**Council went into Executive Session at 6:50 pm for personnel issues.**

**Executive Session ended at 7:44 pm.**

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by P. Rauch to extend Officer Knarr's probation another six (6) months to May 11, 2024. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by J. Simon to promote Officer Greg Drollinger to Chief of Police with no pay increase effective December 1, 2023. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

Council instructed the secretary to ask Kari Kepler if she is still interested in being the Renovo Borough's Grant Advisor.

**A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by W. Fornwalt III to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 pm. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

ATTEST: Marsha Davis, Secretary/Treasurer  
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