

Renovo Borough Council
128 5th Street, Renovo, PA 17764
October 12, 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, David Knauff, William Fornwalt III, Patricia Rauch, Kristy Serafini-Brooks and John Simon. Also in attendance were Mayor Gene Bruno, Secretary/Treasurer Marsha Davis and Solicitor Stuart Hall.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to accept the minutes as written for the September 6, 2022 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 September 14, 2022 regular meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

BILLS

Administration-\$3032.77/Building-\$1768.40/Fire-\$0/Parks-\$427.83/Police-\$1172.92/
Streets-\$7106.61.

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

GALLERY

Maureen Ruhl expressed concerns to Council about police coverage in the Renovo Borough. She is concerned that Council is not addressing the lack of police coverage and is leaning towards defunding the police. The Mayor assured her that Council is not looking to defund the police. Council is actively seeking police applicants and has an interview scheduled in the near future.

Maureen Ruhl addressed Council concerning a police report that was made. State Police responded to an incident that she reported but she has had no response from the Renovo Police Department. Mayor Bruno responded to Ms. Ruhl by explaining the process that happens when a request for an officer is made. When there are no local police on duty all calls are handled by the state police. Ms. Ruhl still requests that the Mayor or Renovo Police Department help her with this incident.

Kevin Tripp, President of the Citizens Hose Company, asked Council if they would consider donating to municipal music during Flaming Foliage weekend. They have two bands coming to perform for the public at the fire company's cost and are seeking donations from local municipalities and organizations.

MONTHLY CORRESPONDENCE

Deb Pedokus, Renovo Borough Tax Collector provided Council with a report for July, August and September.

Hoy Inspection Service LLC sent Council the monthly report for September 2022.

DEP notified Council that they reviewed the 2021 Annual Wasteload Management Report for the Western Clinton County Municipal Authority. This report was considered acceptable.

DEP informed Council that they are working to locate abandoned oil and gas wells. They included information on how to report these abandoned wells so they can be properly plugged.

Solicitor Stuart Hall notified Council that as of January 1, 2023 his office will be increasing the hourly rate for services to Renovo Borough to \$150 per hour.

Bucktail High School Principal, Michael Hall informed Council there will be a homecoming parade on September 13, 2022 beginning at 6:30 pm. The parade route will start at 3rd Street and continue to the 16th Street Park.

The Renovo Borough Water Authority sent Council the minutes from the August 16, 2022 meeting.

The WCCMA sent Council the minutes from the September 7 and September 21, 2022 meetings.

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MAYORS REPORT

The Mayor referenced a report that was provided to Council from Officer Drollinger. The system that the officers use to do police reporting is going to be ending soon. Officer Drollinger is recommending that the Renovo Police Department change to a program that he is familiar with and is very user friendly.

Mayor Bruno stated they will be interviewing a new cadet in the near future.

The Mayor informed Council there is some properties that need to be addressed in the near future with Roger Hoy and how to proceed with these properties.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

General Fund Checking- **\$112,156.94** (after payment of bills)
General Fund Street Maintenance Saving- **\$200.51** (\$.04 int)
Highway Aid Checking- **\$13,673.73** (+\$15,000 transfer from savings less bills)
Highway Aid Savings- **\$56,919.16** (\$18.68 int less \$15,000 transfer to ckg for bills)
Retirement Fund- **\$9345.29** (+\$9330.16 state aid)
PennDOT Projects Account-**\$50.41** (.01 int)
ARPA Covid Relief Grant-**\$126,539.91** (\$1.70 int)
Trail Development Grant-**\$20,000**

September Real Estate Tax-**\$0**
September Earned Income Tax-**\$10,063.19**

Police/Fire Committee-The committee is still in search of police officers.

Building Committee/Health & Sanitation-W. Fornwalt has concerns with the old apartment building on St. Clair.

Streets/Park Committee- Nothing to report.

Ordinance Committee- Nothing to report.

Grants Committee-Nothing to report.

WATER AUTHORITY BUSINESS

President Tarantella reported that the authority is still waiting on the merge with South Renovo. The water authority got a CDBG grant to replace the water lines on 12th Street.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to approve the partial road closing on October 13 from 6:30 to 7:00 pm for the annual homecoming parade from 3rd and Huron Avenue to 16th Street Park. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by J. Simon to approve the road closing on October 31 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm for the Heritage Park Halloween Party and Trunk or Treat event. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by R. Balchun to set Halloween Hours on Monday, October 31, 2022 from 6:00-8:00 pm. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by P. Rauch to extend the seasonal employment of Leon Tarr by one more week to end on November 2, 2022. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

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President Tarantella informed Council that in order to apply for the DCNR grant to rehabilitate Memorial Park a survey and preliminary work needs to be done. PennCore Engineering submitted an estimate of \$3500 to do a survey and \$7500 in preliminary work. This funding can be covered by the recent grant donation for this purpose.

A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by R. Balchun to proceed with the Memorial Park survey and engineering work at a cost of \$11,000. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

Council discussed a need by the police department for a color printer. Officer Drollinger provided a quote of \$1500 to purchase a printer and tone. Council would like to get another quote from Willits Copier Inc. in Lock Haven who come highly recommended.

A motion was made by J. Simon and seconded by W. Fornwalt III to order winter coats and raincoats for the police officers. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by W. Fornwalt to have the police department and Murgas LLC begin the process of figuring out a plan to switch the police reporting system. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by J. Simon to approve the quote of \$1850 from Smith Excavating for the leveling of the old school lot on the corner of 7th and Ontario Avenue. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor Stuart Hall informed Council that he will be meeting with Roger Hoy from Hoy Inspections, LLC to go over the posting procedures on properties that are marked uninhabitable. They will review the procedures and come up with a unified plan for future postings. Solicitor Hall reviewed some of these proposed procedures with Council.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to donate \$300 to Citizens Hose for municipal music during the Flaming Foliage Festival. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: Marsha Davis, Secretary/Treasurer
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