

**Renovo Borough Council**  
**128 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Renovo, PA 17764**  
**October 13, 2021**

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, William Fornwalt III, David Knauff, Patricia Rauch, Kristy Serafini-Brooks, and Mayor Thomas Tarantella. Also in attendance were Secretary/Treasurer Marsha Davis, Solicitor Stuart Hall and Grants Advisor Kari Kepler. Absent: John Simon

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to accept the minutes as written for the September 8, 2021 regular meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by P. Rauch to accept the minutes as written for the September 29, 2021 special meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**BILLS**

Administration-\$4065.86/Building-\$512.57/Fire-\$0/Parks-\$1613.09/Police-\$1548.86/  
Streets-\$3073.09.

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

**GALLERY**

Alice Trowbridge, the Peer Grant advisor for the Riverfront Project, presented Council with a draft plan for the proposed riverfront area connecting the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Boat Launch to the library on 7<sup>th</sup> Street with a Riverwalk. This plan includes a town green on the old school lot and an outdoor deck off of the Renovo Library. There is also a plaza area and a splashpad planned in the 6<sup>th</sup> Street area.

Ms. Trowbridge explained there are still some legal issues concerning a couple of the properties on the Riverfront Project. Solicitor Stuart Hall suggested the easiest fix would be to get quick claim deeds from the property owners and the school district. The properties on Champlain Avenue may not have been properly abandoned by the school district so there is still some question as to who owns the properties. Solicitor Hall also explained that the borough could also pursue quiet title action. Both of the property owners in question want to keep ownership of their property to the river but would be willing to grant an easement. These property issues would have to be cleared up before a riverfront walk could be considered.

The project has been broken apart in phases so that Council could move forward with grants until the riverfront ownership issues are cleared up. Mr. Trowbridge would like any comments or revision requests by October 29, 2021 so she can finalize the plan. The final plan and report will then be presented to Council at the November 10, 2021 Council meeting for adoption.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Code Inspections, Inc. provided Council with the monthly report for August, 2021 along with a check for \$17.85 in municipal fees.

Deborah Pedokus provided Council with the Tax Collector's report for July-September, 2021. The uncollected balance is \$83,007.76.

The Wayne Township Landfill sent a letter of thanks for Council's financial support of the 2021 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event.

Chelsea Grieb, a health occupations instructor at the Career and Technology Center (CTC) for Keystone Central School District is seeking a Council member for the Occupation Advisory Committee. They have two meetings a year. She also needs an official letter stating why the CTC is important to the community and to the students.

Attorney Robert O'Connor, Jr. notified Council and the Zoning Hearing Board that he will be retiring on November 1, 2021.

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The Keystone Central School District cordially invites Council to the Bucktail High School Re-Dedication Ceremony on Thursday, October 14, 2021 from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. Ribbon cutting will be held at 6:00 pm.

The Renovo Borough Water Authority sent Council the minutes from the August 17, 2021 meeting.

The WCCMA sent Council the minutes from the September 1 and September 15, 2021 meetings.

**MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Tarantella expressed appreciation to the Flaming Foliage Committee for putting together a great weekend. He thanked Patricia Rauch who heads the committee for a job well done and he is happy to have the festival back after the cancellation last year due to the pandemic.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administration-R. Balchun read the current bank balances in the borough's accounts.

General Fund Checking- **\$63,216.52** (after payment of the bills)  
General Fund Street Maintenance Saving- **\$6307.56** (.15 int + \$250 Permit)  
Highway Aid Checking- **\$985.17** (after payment of the bills)  
Highway Aid Savings- **\$64,874.87** (\$2.67 int)  
Retirement Fund- **\$4721.19** (\$11,515.75 deposit less \$6809.79 (1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr. pension payments)  
PennDOT Projects Account-**\$50.39** (\$.01 int)  
DCNR Peer Grant-**\$2549.22** (\$.06 int)  
ARPA Covid Relief Grant-**\$63,064.65** (\$1.04 int)

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September Real Estate Tax-**\$0**  
September Earned Income Tax-**\$0**  
September LST Tax-**\$1196.88**

Police/Fire Committee-Nothing to report.

Building Committee/Health & Sanitation-Nothing to report.

Streets/Park Committee- Nothing to report.

Ordinance Committee- P. Rauch would like for the Ordinance Committee to meet concerning a new sidewalk Ordinance. There has been a lot of issues with obstructions and safety on some of the sidewalks within the borough.

Grants Committee- K. Kepler stated the Emergency Rental and Utility Assistance grant still has money available for renters.

The county opened the American Rescue Plan grant application for water, sewer and recreation funding. Applications are due by November 1, 2021.

K. Kepler announced the Northern ATV Pilot Program is closed for the season. They received around 1600 applications to ride.

The homeowner's relief grant will be open soon. The PA Housing Financing Agency will be handling this grant.

K. Kepler informed Council that DCNR has grants opening for recreation projects. These grants will be due in the Spring of 2022.

The CDBG Competitive grant is due on February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Seda-Cog is working on that grant for the water line replacement and restoration of St. Clair Avenue.

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#### **WATER AUTHORITY BUSINESS**

K. Kepler reported that Allen Uhler, the engineer for the Water Authority is applying to the county ARP Grant for the replacement of water lines on 12<sup>th</sup> Street. The Authority recently hired two new workers who will be trained to assist the water operator.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

P. Rauch would like to meet again to go over a proposed Firework Ordinance. Solicitor Stuart Hall reviewed the documents R. Balchun provided. He stated that Council can't supersede the state but they can set time limits on the fireworks.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Solicitor Stuart Hall informed Council that the notices for Ordinance No. 809 and No. 810 opening and vacating portions of Industrial Park Road were advertised in The Express two times and notice was sent to the landowners. These notices were signed for and no petition has been filed concerning these Ordinances.

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to advertise Ordinance 809 opening a portion of Industrial Park Road. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to advertise Ordinance 810 vacating a portion of Industrial Park Road. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by P. Rauch to accept the resignation of Robert O'Connor Jr. as solicitor for the Zoning Hearing Board effective as of October 13, 2021. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by R. Balchun to appoint Frank Miceli as solicitor for the Zoning Hearing Board effective October 14, 2021. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by D. Knauff to appoint R. Balchun as the representative for the Occupancy Advisory Committee for the Career and Technology Center at Keystone Central School District. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by R. Balchun to extend the temporary employment of Charles Goodling until the end of November with the opportunity to be called back for inclement weather or any other borough needs. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

P. Rauch discussed the Flaming Foliage traffic situation with Council. She had suggestions to help with traffic flow for future festivals.

Councilwoman K. Serafini-Brooks spoke to Council about considering a renters Ordinance in the future. She feels this will help with the upkeep of rental properties.

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to advertise the 2022 budget for adoption at the November 10, 2021 meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by R. Balchun to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 pm. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

ATTEST: Marsha Davis, Secretary/Treasurer  
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