

Renovo Borough Council
128 5th Street, Renovo, PA 17764
October 9, 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, Kristy Serafini-Brooks, John Simon and via telephone Michael Kelley. Also in attendance, Secretary/Treasurer Ashley Sporny Absent: Mayor Gene Bruno and Patricia Rauch.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to accept the minutes as written for the September 12, 2024, regular meeting. A voice vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously.

BILLS

Administration-\$281.13/Building-\$439.96/Fire-\$0/Parks-\$608.21/Police-\$3565.10/ Streets-\$3972.38

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

GALLERY : None present

MONTHLY CORRESPONDENCE

Deborah Pedokus provided Council the Tax Collectors report for July, August, and September 2024.

Council received notice from the PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund that the Delaware Avenue Improvement Project was not selected for the 2024-2025 funding. New applications will be accepted until November 5, 2024.

The Borough received their 2024 General Municipal Pension System State Aid in the amount of \$10,267.92 on September 25, 2024.

The Clinton County Board of Assessment and Revision sent Council notice that a real estate appeal hearing for property owned by the Clinton County Economic Partnership in the Renovo Borough has been set for October 21, 2024 at 2:45 pm. The meeting will be held on the 1st Floor of the Piper Building in Lock Haven.

Council received a letter of resignation from David Walker as Ordinance Officer for Renovo Borough effective September 17, 2024. Mr. Walker will continue to handle warrants for the Police Department as Constable.

The Keystone Central School District thanked Council for their support of the summer recreation program. The 2025 Park Program is tentatively set to start on June 16 until August 8, 2025. The district is requesting the amount of \$1000.00 to be budgeted for the 2025 summer program and provided an invoice of \$1000.00 for the 2024 summer program.

The Clinton Tax Collection Committee rescheduled the October 9th meeting for October 29th at 6:30 pm in the KCSD Board Room. The Clinton TCC is currently seeking quotes for professional solicitor services to help guide the organization through the process of appointing a new earned income tax collector and potential amendment of the organization's bylaws.

The Central Mountain ATV Association, Inc. is requesting a letter of support from the Renovo Borough for the 14th annual Cruise for a Cure Fundraiser to be held on June 14th, 2025. The CMATVA is also asking to utilize the boroughs roads as per their traditional route.

Geralee Zeigler, Seda Cog Program Manager, provided Council a copy of the 2024 fourth quarterly report for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for Renovo Borough.

The Clinton County Community Foundation sent Council the 2025 grant guidelines. The grant opened on October 1, 2024 and applications will be accepted until December 1, 2024.

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Trenton Goodling sent a letter of thanks to Renovo Borough for the opportunity to work for the Streets and Parks Department the past two summers through Career-Link.

The WCCMA sent Council the minutes from the September 4, meeting.

MAYORS REPORT: ABSENT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration- R.Balchun recommended scheduling a budget meeting within the next couple weeks. J.Simon and K.Serafini-Brooks suggested meeting on October 23, 2024 at 5:00 PM. All committee members were in consensus to schedule the budget meeting for Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 5:00 PM.

Police/Fire Committee – Borough secretary updated Council on the meeting that was held between Chapman Township and the Renovo Police Department concerning the upcoming Police services contract. Chapman Township agreed to pay \$30,000 for the 2025 contract with Renovo Borough. This would be an additional \$2,000 from the prior year's agreement.

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

A motion was made by J.Simon and seconded by K.Serafini-Brooks to adopt Ordinance 817, amending the firearm ordinance. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by D.Knauff and seconded by R.Balchun to accept Ordinance Officer Dave Walker's resignation, dated September 17, 2024. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by K.Serafini-Brooks and seconded by R.Balchun to amend Codes Assessment Professional's hours to 5 hours a week, per month until further notice. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by K.Serafini-Brooks and seconded by R.Balchun to pass Resolution #17-2024 giving permission to Clinton County Commissioner, James Russo to apply for the DCNR grant for Memorial Park on behalf of Renovo Borough. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by K.Serafini-Brooks and seconded by J.Simon to apply for the Local Share Grant for demolition of 215 Champlain Ave that was recently acquired through upset sale by Renovo Borough. Amount to apply for will be contingent on quotes that can be received by the grant deadline. 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 for 6-8 PM Thursday, October 31, 2024. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R.Balchun and seconded by K.Serafini-Brooks to apply for the Clinton County Community Foundation grant for updated street signs for streets 3rd through 14th. A voice vote was taken, motion was passed unanimously.

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A motion was made by K.Serafini-Brooks and seconded R.Balchun to accept the RCTA design plans for new welcome signs in Renovo Borough. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by K.Serafini-Brooks and seconded R.Balchun to approve Leon Tarr's layoff starting October 30, 2024. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by K.Serafini-Brooks and seconded by D.Knauff to apply for a USDA loan/grant for a 2025 Police Interceptor SUV. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R.Balchun and seconded by K.Serafini-Brooks to give a letter of support to CMAA for the 14th annual cruise for a cure on June 14, 2025. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R.Balchun and seconded by D.Knauff to approve Theo Coover for a Handicap Parking space for 138 9th street. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by K.Serafini-Brooks and seconded by R.Balchun giving permission to close 5th and 6th street to Erie Ave Halloween night for the Heritage Park annual haunted house and party 5-8 PM. A voice vote was taken, motion was passed unanimously.

Council went into Executive Session for personnel issues at 6:55pm
Council came out of Executive Session at 7:42 pm.

K.Serafini-Brooks suggested Borough Secretary write a letter to grant advisor, Kari Kepler, offering to accept her resignation from the position before it is abolished in January 2025.

R.Balchun suggested the letter have a date that the resignation should be received by, the next regularly scheduled council meeting November 13, 2024.

A motion was made by K.Serafini-Brooks and seconded by R.Balchun to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: Ashley Sporny, Secretary/Treasurer
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