

**Renovo Borough Council**  
**128 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Renovo, PA 17764**  
**September 13, 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 (arrived 6:24), David Knauff, William Fornwalt III, Kristy Serafini-Brooks (arrived 6:11) and John Simon . Also in attendance were Mayor Gene Bruno, Secretary/Treasurer Marsha Davis and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Ashley Sporny.

Absent: Patricia Rauch

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**A motion was made by W. Fornwalt III and seconded by D. Knauff to accept the minutes as written for the August 9, 2023 regular meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**BILLS**

Administration-\$1640.30/Building-\$870.68/Fire-\$8194.32/Parks-\$418.69/Police-\$2037.55/  
Streets-\$3942.10.

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

**GALLERY**

Keith Tripp, President of Citizens Hose Fire Company informed Council that they will be having a concert at the Firehall over Flaming Foliage weekend. He asked Council if they would consider donating towards the cost of the concert. The concert will be free for the community.

K. Serafini-Brooks arrived at this time. (6:11 pm)

**MONTHLY CORRESPONDENCE**

Hoy Inspection Services LLC provided council with the August 2023 report.

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation would like to thank Renovo Borough for applying for assistance from the Multimodal Transportation Fund. At this time the 2023 Multimodal Grant for Delaware Avenue Improvement Project was not selected for Funding. PennDOT will accept new submissions for the fiscal year 2024-2025 between September 25 and November 13, 2023.

PIRMA reviewed Renovo Borough's procedures as they relate to Liability and Property loss controls. The purpose of this visit was to provide follow-up loss control service to assist Renovo Borough with controlling Liability and Property loss exposures. As a result of this visit and physical survey of facilities, it was determined that prior recommendations have been completed. No new recommendations were made resulting from this visit.

The Board of Commissioners gave formal notification that Clinton County intends to establish a C-PACE program, which would be available to properties within our municipality. The county Commissioners are scheduled to vote on the resolution to adopt C-PACE on August 24, 2023.

Stuart Hall sent council a copy of the Petition filed on August 7, 2023 by the Clinton County Tax Claim Bureau. At the judicial sale one property was sold, 347 Huron Avenue in Renovo Borough.

The Department of the Auditor General sent an order of withdrawal authorizing the release of 2021, 2022, and 2023 state aid to Renovo Fireman's Relief Association.

The Clinton Country Economic Partnership's Annual Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 20, 2023 , at 6:00 pm at the Best Western in Lock Haven.

The Department of Environmental Protection sent Council notice of the municipality's responsibility concerning issuing permits in a floodway.

Sandy Run Property Owners Association sent council the minutes from their August 5, 2023 meeting.

Renovo Borough Water Authority sent council minutes from the June 20, 2023 meeting.

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Western Clinton County Municipal Authority sent council the minutes from the August 2, 2023 meeting and the August 16, 2023 meeting.

**MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Bruno informed Council that the police department needs funding of \$18,000 for new digital radios. The county will be using these radios in the near future. Once the switch is made the old radios will not work.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administration-K. Serafini-Brooks read a quick report of account balances.

General Fund Checking- **\$84,422.12** (after bills are paid)  
General Fund Street Maintenance Saving- **\$24,693.63** (\$58.85 int)  
Highway Aid Checking- **\$2461.57**  
Highway Aid Savings- **\$78,532.31** (\$187.17 int)  
Retirement Fund- **\$15.13**  
PennDOT Projects Account-**\$51.48** (.12 int)  
ARPA Covid Relief Grant-**\$127,824.15** (\$177.58 int)  
Trail Development Grant-**\$12,424.10** (\$17.26 int)

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August Earned Income Tax-**\$3262.75**

Police/Fire Committee-K. Serafini-Brooks was approached by someone concerning the Renovo Fire Department. There concern was that the fire department did not have the required certifications and that the borough could be held liable if this is true.

Dave Walker who was in attendance stated that all the fire fighters are certified and these certifications are sent to the state.

Council asked if Mr. Walker could provide a roster with certifications to the borough.

Building Committee/Health & Sanitation-Nothing to report.

Streets/Park Committee- Nothing to report.

Ordinance Committee- Ordinance Officer Dave Walker updated Council on a few Ordinance violations for August.

Grants Committee-Nothing to report.

R. Balchun arrived at this time. (6:24 pm)

**WATER AUTHORITY BUSINESS**

President Tarantella reported that the Renovo Borough Water Authority is in the process of applying for a Penn Vest grant to replace all the old water lines throughout the borough.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Council was presented with the annual municipal obligations for the uniform and non-uniform pension plans

**A motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to approve the MMO of \$0 for the uniformed pension plan for the year 2024. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to approve the MMO of \$10,900 for the non-uniformed pension plan for the year 2024. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

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**A motion was made by W. Fornwalt III and seconded by J. Simon to approve the PennDOT road closing on October 14, 2023 from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm for the annual Flaming Foliage parade. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to approve the PennDOT road closing on October 11 from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm for the annual Homecoming Parade with a bonfire following at the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Park. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to reschedule the October 11, 2023 Council meeting to October 10, 2023 at 6:00 pm due to the Homecoming Parade being held on October 11. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

Council was presented with a list of repository properties that were bid on at the June 1, 2023 Clinton County Commissioners meeting. This list was then sent to Renovo Borough Council and the Keystone Central School District for approval. Four properties on the list were for 14<sup>th</sup> Street which the borough is seeking a grant to demolish for the health and safety of the community. Council discussed other properties that were bid on by out of state landlords who have a history of just letting the buildings set.

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by J. Simon to accept the repository bid of \$510.00 from Jason A Miller for a property in the Borough of Renovo East ward, known as Tax Parcel No. C-23-0017, Control No. 31-16115 formerly the property of Brian G Youells & Carrie Black. A voice vote was taken motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by R. Balchun to accept the repository bid of \$600.00 from James Brian Tarantella for a property in the Borough of Renovo Middle Ward, known as Tax Parcel No. B-20-0005, Control No. 32-16485 formerly the property of David W Schoonover Sr. A voice vote was taken motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by R. Balchun to accept the repository bid of \$1,100.00 from James Brian Tarantella for a property in the Borough of Renovo Middle Ward, known as Tax Parcel No. B-21-0005, Control No. 32-16522, formerly the property of Albert F Seybold Jr. A voice vote was taken motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by R. Balchun to reject the repository bid \$505.00 from Jorge Paz-Herrera for a property in the Borough of Renovo West Ward, known as Tax Parcel No. B-18-0004, Control No. 33-16812, formerly the property of Robert A Daubert. A roll call vote was taken with six (6) no votes and zero (0) yes votes. Motion passed.**

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by R. Balchun to reject the repository bid of \$505.00 from Jorge Paz-Herrera for a property in the Borough of Renovo East Ward, known as Tax Parcel No. C-14-0019, Control No. 31-16104, formerly the property of Henri F Mos III. A voice vote was taken motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by J. Simon to reject the repository bid of \$505.00 from Jorge Paz-Herrera for a property in the Borough of Renovo East Ward, known as Tax Parcel No. C-14-0014, Control No. 31-16094, formerly the property of Amos K Fisher Jr. A voice vote was taken motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by W. Fornwalt III and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to reject the repository bid of \$505.00 from Jorge Paz-Herrera for a property in the Borough of Renovo East Ward, known as Tax Parcel No. C-14-0015, Control No. 31-16097, formerly the property of Heather Bixler & Shaun Wadsworth. A voice vote was taken motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by J. Simon to reject the repository bid of \$505.00 from Jorge Paz-Herrera for a property in the Borough of Renovo East Ward, known as Tax Parcel No. C-14-0020, Control No. 31-16106, formerly the property of Andrew J Hinkle. A voice vote was taken motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by R. Balchun to approve a Dirt & Gravel grant application for road/streambank stabilization of Brewery Run. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

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**A motion was made by W. Fornwalt III and seconded by J. Simon to approve a PennDOT Multimodal grant application for the rehabilitation of Delaware Avenue. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by R. Balchun to apply to USDA for a new borough pick-up truck. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by R. Balchun to participate in the Bucktail High Schools Diversified Occupations and CTE student work programs if funded largely by Career-Link. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by D. Knauff to not approve regular police overtime with the exceptions of Flaming Foliage weekend and emergency situations. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by J. Simon to table the purchase of police car decals until they have more information and pricing. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to donate \$300 to the Citizen's Hose company to help fund the free community wide concert to be held over Flaming Foliage weekend. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by R. Balchun to authorize Solicitor Stuart Hall to submit repository bids on the borough's behalf for the purchase of 155, 157 and 161 14<sup>th</sup> Street if all voluntary paperwork is submitted by Ryan Mooney and Janean Mace. 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 7:38 pm. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**ATTEST: Marsha Davis, Secretary/Treasurer  
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