

Renovo Borough Council
128 5th Street, Renovo, PA 17764
September 14, 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 Vice President Patricia Rauch with the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag. The following Council Members were present; Rhonda Balchun (arrived at 6:52), William Fornwalt III, Kristy Serafini-Brooks and John Simon. Also in attendance were Mayor Gene Bruno and Secretary/Treasurer Marsha Davis.
Absent: David Knauff, Ann Tarantella

PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made by W. Fornwalt III and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to accept the minutes as written for the August 10, 2022 regular meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

BILLS

Administration-\$2244.47/Building-\$443.60/Fire-\$0/Parks-\$457.69/Police-\$3103.45/
Streets-\$8228.96.

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

GALLERY

Donald and Bryan Pagnotto informed Council they are part owners of an empty lot on 14th Street adjacent to Dawn Pagnotto's property. They asked Council would they can do with the property or what they could put there being in the floodway. Council told them to contact Roger Hoy who is the Floodplain Administrator for Renovo Borough.

Bryan Pagnotto also asked about starting up a flag football program. Councilwoman K. Serafini-Brooks gave him contact information for a league at Central Mountain.

MONTHLY CORRESPONDENCE

The Clinton County Department of Emergency Services have secured a grant to complete the 2023 hazard mitigation plan update. Municipalities will be requested to participate and will adopt this plan as the Municipal Hazard Mitigation Plan. The first meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 3:00 and 6:00 pm with attendance only required at one of those times.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection copied Council on the letter sent to Clinton County Commissioner Jeffrey Snyder concerning a NPDES permit for stormwater discharges for the Brewery Run ATV trail bridge. The permit is effective September 7, 2022 and will expire on September 6, 2027.

The Clinton County Borough's Association dinner meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 11th, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the Redeye Center in Flemington. RSVPs are due by October 3, 2022.

Hoy Inspection Service LLC sent Council the report for August 2022.

The Children and Youth Advisory Board is holding a cash bingo fundraiser donation on November 20, 2022. The Board is asking for donations for this fundraiser.

The Central Mountain Wildcat Marching Band plan to honor America's fallen soldiers by placing wreaths on gravestones at Arlington National Cemetery. The Band is asking for sponsorship of one or more wreaths starting at \$15.

The Renovo Borough Water Authority sent Council the minutes from the July 19, 2022 meeting.

The WCCMA sent Council the minutes from the August 3 and August 17, 2022 meetings.

MAYORS REPORT

The Mayor reported that he has been in touch with Larisha Williamson about sending community service workers up to work in the borough on September 19th. They can help paint curbs or help board up the 14th Street row.

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Mayor Bruno stated Warden Miller may be bringing a trap to help with the bears in the borough. The warden says he believes that one of the bears is living under the bridge. He will probably be putting a trap there.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

General Fund Checking- **\$119,886.71** (after payment of bills)
General Fund Street Maintenance Saving- **\$200.47** (\$.01 int)
Highway Aid Checking- **\$655.31**
Highway Aid Savings- **\$71,900.48** (\$2.44 int)
Retirement Fund- **\$15.13**
PennDOT Projects Account-**\$50.40**
ARPA Covid Relief Grant-**\$126,538.21** (\$1.07 int & \$63,262.59 2nd payment)
Trail Development Grant-**\$20,000**

August Real Estate Tax-**\$0**
August Earned Income Tax-**\$2992.90**

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

Building Committee/Health & Sanitation-W. Fornwalt reported complaints of garbage piling up at various properties.

Streets/Park Committee- Nothing to report.

Ordinance Committee- The committee plans on looking over Ordinances in the coming months to see if any changes are needed.

Grants Committee-K. Kepler provided council with a current grant report and an updated list of grants received by the borough since 2013.

The grant report included the following: Rick Vilello visited the 911 Center on September 14 to discuss the tower upgrades in the Renovo area; the Renovo Borough was awarded a CDBG grant in the amount of \$123,924 for repairs to Laurel Street in East Renovo; a dirt and gravel grant will be submitted by October 1 for the stream bank stabilization in Brewery Hollow and the second round of the American Rescue Plan money has been distributed to the municipalities.

WATER AUTHORITY BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

P. Rauch reported that DEP has advised that Clinton County is still in a drought watch and to conserve water.

Maria Ransom is repainting the welcome sign that was moved from the west end bridge to 3rd street.

A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by J. Simon to approve the MMO of \$0 for the uniformed pension plan for 2023. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

R. Balchun arrived at this time. (6:52 pm)

A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by W. Fornwalt III to approve the MMO of \$10,900 for the non-uniformed pension plan for 2023. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by W. Fornwalt III and seconded R. Balchun to approve the Recycling Bin Agreement with James and Alice Dremel. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

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A motion was made by W. Fornwalt III and seconded by R. Balchun to approve the FFF PennDOT road closing application for Huron Avenue on October 15, 2022 from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm for the annual Flaming Foliage Parade. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

Grant Advisor Kari Kepler notified Council that DCNR has re-opened their Community Conservation Partnership Program. There is a 20% match. She suggested we use the \$20,000 Williams grant as a match to rehabilitate Memorial Park with a project total up to \$100,000. Council talked about updating the restrooms, tree removal, ADA access, updating playground equipment and adding some camping sites to the park with electric and water service.

A motion was made by W. Fornwalt III and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to apply for the DCNR Community Conservation Partnership Program grant to rehabilitate Memorial Park with a project total up to \$100,000. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

Council discussed a potential police grant. Due to various concerns and the extent of the application process the borough won't be able to pursue this grant at this time.

Council discussed a potential traffic light grant that has opened and is due by the end of September. This grant will make updates to the traffic light.

A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by J. Simon to pursue the traffic light grant. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

Council went into Executive Session at 7:18 pm to discuss personnel issues.

Executive Session ended at 7:34 pm.

The secretary notified Council that current assistant secretary/treasurer Sheri Whipp has decided that she will not be staying on with Renovo Borough long-term. She is willing to continue to work until a replacement is found.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to advertise for an assistant secretary/treasurer for up to 20 hours a week at \$15 an hour with applications due by October 26, 2022. 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 7:39 pm. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: Marsha Davis, Secretary/Treasurer
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