

**Renovo Borough Council**  
**128 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Renovo, PA 17764**  
**November 11, 2020**

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, John Simon and Mayor Thomas Tarantella Jr. Also in attendance was Secretary/Treasurer Marsha Davis.  
Absent: Kristy Serafini-Brooks.

#### **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by W. Fornwalt III to accept the minutes as written for the October 14, 2020 regular meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

#### **BILLS**

Administration-\$17,156.78/Building-\$1714.77/Fire-\$0/Parks-\$7987.92/Police-\$1230.60/  
Streets-\$5293.71.

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

#### **GALLERY**

Terry O’Laughlin spoke to Council about a deed that was recorded in 1996 that transferred properties between himself and the Renovo Borough. The solicitor at the time wrote the assignment of properties backwards. Property that he received should have went to the borough and property that went to the borough should have went to him. Solicitor Larry Coploff has contacted the borough’s Solicitor Stuart Hall to have a corrective deed drawn. Mr. O’Laughlin asked to have the deed corrected so that the property west of Ponda Street stays in his possession and the property east of Ponda Street is deeded to the Renovo Borough as originally intended.

**A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by J. Simon to have Solicitor Stuart Hall contact Solicitor Larry Coploff to do a corrective deed regarding the East Renovo properties. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

Tom Emero, Director of Innovative Power Solutions, LLC spoke to Council via teleconference concerning the proposed Renovo Energy Center. He informed Council that Renovo Energy Center has a lead investor and a good portion of their equity investors committed. The project is now actively involved in the permitting process. He believes the second quarter of 2021 will conclude the financing and if everything goes well demolition will begin in the third quarter of 2021.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Code Inspections, Inc. sent Council the permit activity report for September 2020.

The Renovo Area Public Library is asking Council for consideration of the library in their 2021 budget.

Alan Uhler, Engineer for the Renovo Borough Water Authority, sent Council a land use notification concerning the installation of a bulk water tanker filling station along 15<sup>th</sup> Street to occasionally sell bulk water.

The Renovo Borough Water Authority sent Council the minutes from the September 15, 2020 meeting.

The Western Clinton County Municipal Authority sent the minutes from the September 2 and September 23, 2020 meetings.

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**MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Tarantella encouraged everyone to watch the virtual Veteran’s Day program that was created by Bucktail Area High School students, Rich Wykoff and the Greater Renovo Area Heritage Park. He stated they did a great job with the presentation and should be applauded.

The Mayor stated that there was a recent incident with a pipe bombing. There is an ongoing investigation and the proper authorities have been notified.

Mayor Tarantella has received complaints from Patrick Carnes of frequent speeding and drug use in the Third Street area. The Mayor informed Mr. Carnes that the Police Department will do their best to patrol that area since we are down to one officer.

The Mayor informed Council that they have resumed negotiation talks with Corporal Jeffries and the Police Committee hopes to reach an agreement without going into a full-blown arbitration.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administration Committee- R. Balchun read the account balances as of November 11, 2020 and the taxes received in October.

General Fund Checking- **\$37,155.56** (after payment of the bills)  
General Fund Street Maintenance Saving- **\$5805.90** (.15 int)  
Highway Aid Checking- **\$2585.91**  
Highway Aid Savings- **\$50,846.89** (\$2.32 int)  
Retirement Fund- **\$3147.63**  
PennDOT Projects Account-**\$50.37**  
DCNR Peer Grant-**\$2548.52** (\$.08 int)  
TC Police Car Grant-**\$10,000**  
Family Dollar Building Sale-**\$75,681.37** (\$502 refund on overpayment of RE Taxes added)  
Covid Relief Grant- **\$21,544.31** (\$50,000 less \$28,455.69 paid)

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October Real Estate Tax	\$	0.00
October Earned Income	\$	3005.10
October LST Tax	\$	1713.91
October Delinquent Tax	\$	17,752.61

Police/Fire Committee-Nothing to report.

Building Committee/Health & Sanitation-President Tarantella informed Council there is a leak in the roof in the attached garage as well as water damage. Vinnie will get an estimate to repair the roof.

Streets/Park Committee- The secretary informed Council that Willow Playworks will be installing the exercise equipment at the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Park on November 23, 24 and 25.

Ordinance Committee-Nothing to report.

Grants Committee-K. Kepler asked Council what they would like to apply for with the Community Foundation Grant? The grant closes on December 15, 2020. There was a consensus from Council to apply for the camera system for the borough’s parks to protect their equipment, discourage criminal activity and have the ability to possibly add internet to the Parks in the future.

K. Kepler feels Council needs to find ways to bring more tourism into the area to boost the economy and focus less on big businesses.

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#### **WATER AUTHORITY BUSINESS**

K. Kepler reported that the environmental review for 9<sup>th</sup> Street is complete and the water pipes will be replaced in the Spring with CDBG grant money.

K. Kepler informed Council that a meeting will be held on November 16 at 11:00 am with the Clinton County Commissioners at the Piper building in Lock Haven concerning the merger of the water systems between Renovo Borough, South Renovo Borough and Chapman Township. They will also discuss applying for the Seda Cog competitive CDBG grant to help with this merger.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Council received two additional quotes from Dremel's for demolitions. One for the demolition of 149 Fourth Street for \$10,000 and one for the demolition of 215 Champlain Avenue for \$17,500.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Council received a Handicap Parking application from Navelda Henry for her home in the alley of Birch Street. The area was inspected by Corporal Jeffries and the location does not allow for a Handicap Parking sign to be erected. Council discussed that the area she parks at currently is off of the alley and they don't have any issues with her continuing to park there since it doesn't impede traffic in any way. A letter will be sent to her denying the Handicap Parking sign but will state that she can continue to park in the parking space next to her home.

**A motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by R. Balchun to deny the Handicap Parking application for Navelda Henry at 156 Birch Street but to allow her to continue parking in the area beside her home off of the alley. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by P. Rauch to renew the current Geisinger Health plan on December 1, 2020 for Renovo Borough employees. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

Council was presented with a proposed budget for 2021.

**A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by W. Fornwalt III to advertise the proposed 2021 budget for adoption on December 9, 2021 at the next regular municipal meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

Council was presented with an easement option amendment with Renovo Energy Center to extend the easement option for another two years concerning the pump house structural parcel.

**A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by P. Rauch to approve the easement option amendment with Renovo Energy Center for another two (2) years to exercise the option concerning the pump house structural parcel. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**Council went into Executive Session at 7:45 pm for personnel matters.**

**Executive Session ended at 9:40 pm.**

**A motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by P. Rauch to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 pm. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

ATTEST: Marsha Davis, Secretary/Treasurer  
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