

Renovo Borough Council
128 5th Street, Renovo, PA 17764
December 9, 2020

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 (Zoom@6:26), David Knauff, Patricia Rauch (teleconference), Kristy Serafini-Brooks, John Simon and Mayor Thomas Tarantella Jr. Also in attendance was Secretary/Treasurer Marsha Davis and Grants Advisor, Kari Kepler (Zoom).

Absent: William Fornwalt III.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by J. Simon to accept the minutes as written for the November 11, 2020 regular meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to accept the minutes as written for the November 24, 2020 special meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

BILLS

Administration-\$27,819.13/Building-\$13,928.00/Fire-\$0/Parks-\$789.89/Police-\$17,827.82/
Streets-\$3254.49.

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

GALLERY

Patrick Carnes questioned Council on who enforces the traffic when the borough's one officer is off duty? Mr. Carnes stated that everyone knows when the officer is off and that is when the traffic gets bad. He would like more traffic control at Huron and Third Street. The Mayor stated that when the officer is off duty the State Police will respond to calls if needed. Mayor Tarantella informed Mr. Carnes that he does a revolving sporadic schedule but the officer can not be on duty 24/7. He advised Mr. Carnes to call the 911 center if he feels the need to.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry sent Council a five-year audit review to determine if adequate administration and enforcement of the accessibility requirements of the Uniform Construction Code is occurring in Renovo Borough where James L. Matthews of Code Inspections Inc. serves as the Building Code Official for commercial permitting. The audit reported that no physical accessibility findings were found that was the responsibility of the inspector.

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources recently conducted a "post completion" site inspection on Memorial Park and 16th Street Park. The inspection is a result of Renovo Borough utilizing grant funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund to develop both parks. It was found that the 16th Street Park is fully compliant. Memorial Park has minor issues with ADA Accessibility. Any future rehabilitation of the site requires the Renovo Borough to upgrade the facility's accessibility.

Solicitor Stuart Hall sent Council a copy of the 14th Street appeal notice that was submitted to the Commonwealth Court.

Comcast sent important information regarding price changes that will take on December 20, 2020.

The Renovo Borough Water Authority sent Council the minutes from the October 20, 2020 meeting.

The Western Clinton County Municipal Authority sent the minutes from the November 4 and November 18, 2020 meetings.

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MAYORS REPORT

The Mayor wished everyone a Merry Christmas and to enjoy the holiday season.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration Committee- President A. Tarantella read the account balances as of December 9, 2020 and the taxes received in November.

General Fund Checking- **\$27,900.83** (after payment of the bills)
General Fund Street Maintenance Saving- **\$6056.05** (.15 int & \$250 deposit)
Highway Aid Checking- **\$643.05**
Highway Aid Savings- **\$50,848.97** (\$2.08 int)
Retirement Fund- **\$3147.63**
PennDOT Projects Account-**\$50.37**
DCNR Peer Grant-**\$2548.58** (\$.06 int)
TC Police Car Grant-**\$0** (-\$10,000 towards \$11,987 for equipment for new police car)
Family Dollar Building Sale-**\$50,000** (-**\$23,831.87** CTA payoff, -**1849.50** towards Dodge Charger payoff **and remainder to budget of 2021**)
COVID-19 Relief Grant- **\$0** (See attached expense sheet)
USDA Grant-**\$10,050.69** (Furnace & Air)

November Real Estate Tax \$ 4933.60
November Earned Income \$ 11,245.58

Police/Fire Committee-K. Serafini-Brooks will set up an interview with the Chief of Police applicant for some time next week.

Building Committee/Health & Sanitation-President Tarantella reported that the heating and cooling parts have been ordered for the municipal building. The Christmas meter boxes have also been repaired for the Christmas lighting.

Streets/Park Committee- Nothing to report.

Ordinance Committee-Nothing to report.

R. Balchun entered the meeting at this time via Zoom. (6:36 pm)

Grants Committee-K. Kepler announced that the county relief grant of \$50,000 is now open for restaurants and food service businesses.

K. Kepler stated the Community Foundation grant is open until December 15. The borough secretary is working on this grant but is having trouble getting a second quote on the camera system for the parks due to Covid-19.

K. Kepler asked Council to think about the ARC grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission. She would like to put new sewage and water lines on St. Clair Avenue from 3rd to 14th Street and then have it paved. She stated there is no match with this grant.

WATER AUTHORITY BUSINESS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by P. Rauch to adopt the 2021 proposed budget. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by J. Simon to adopt Resolution 13-2020 fixing the tax rate for the Real Estate Assessment Tax at 11.01 mills for 2021. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by D. Knauff to accept and sign the contracted police service agreement with Chapman Township at \$28,000 for 2021. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by R. Balchun to reduce hours for Leon Tarr for the winter season to eight (8) hours per week effective January 4, 2021 until March 29, 2021 but may be called in for inclement weather or any other borough need. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by J. Simon to appoint Baker-Tilly as the auditor for the 2020 borough accounts. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by J. Simon to set the regular Council meetings for the second Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm for 2021. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by J. Simon to advertise the boroughs snow and ice Ordinance requirements. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

Council talked about having the Streets Department remove some handicap parking signs that are no longer needed if they haven't been removed already.

A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by D. Knauff to adjourn the meeting at 6:49 pm. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: Marsha Davis, Secretary/Treasurer
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