

**Renovo Borough Council**  
**128 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Renovo, PA 17764**  
**February 10, 2021**

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, Kristy Serafini-Brooks, William Fornwalt III, David Knauff, Patricia Rauch, John Simon and Mayor Thomas Tarantella Jr. Also in attendance were Secretary/Treasurer Marsha Davis and Grants Advisor, Kari Kepler (Zoom).

#### **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by R. Balchun to accept the minutes as written for the January 13, 2021 regular meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

#### **BILLS**

Administration-\$1712.61/Building-\$618.79/Fire-\$0/Parks-\$136.16/Police-\$3802.16/  
Streets-\$5325.57.

**A motion was made by W. Fornwalt III 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**

Empty

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Renovo Energy Center sent Council notice that they have filed a modification application with the Susquehanna River Basin Commission to extend the commencement deadline of the Renovo Energy Center project.

Girard Pension Services, LLC. sent Council the 2020 fourth quarter report and the 2020 annual account statement for the Renovo Borough Police Pension Plan. Girard attached an invoice of \$2604.01 that was paid out of Plan assets.

The Western Clinton County Municipal Authority sent Council notice that they be sent a copy of the bid documents or project plans for any construction taking place near sewer lines, lift stations or manholes. Manhole adjustments will need to be preapproved and inspected by the Authority. Any expense incurred due to the contractor not following the rules will be invoiced to the borough.

Alice Trowbridge, mentor for the Peer Grant, sent a schedule for river town meetings to begin on March 1, 2021 for two Mondays a month at 6:00 pm via Zoom for March, April and May.

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

The Western Clinton County Municipal Authority sent the minutes from the January 6 and January 20, 2021 meetings.

#### **MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Tarantella informed Council that the new 2021 Ford Interceptor did not come with any key FOBs. It is not a standard item and has to be ordered at the same time the car is ordered. The easiest fix is to equip the vehicle with remote start as soon as it's available. The new vehicle will also need a computer stand installed. The Pine Creek Township Police can provide one to the Renovo Police Department for a small fee. Keystone Communications equipped the vehicle with a new police radio since one did not come with it. The Mayor and Council asked that a note of thanks be sent to Keystone Communications.

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Mayor Tarantella spoke with Jim Leer from the Central Mountain ATV Association concerning the Whiskey Springs to Bloody Skillet trail. They would like to make the main access from Brewery Hollow. The Association thanked the Renovo Borough for providing ATV access in the municipality.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administration Committee- R. Balchun read the current balance in the borough's accounts as of February 10, 2021:

General Fund Checking- **\$108,277.39** (after payment of the bills)  
General Fund Street Maintenance Saving- **\$6056.35** (.15 int)  
Highway Aid Checking- **\$916.02** (+1000 from savings less bills)  
Highway Aid Savings- **\$44,852.64** (\$1.52 int less \$1000 to checking)  
Retirement Fund- **\$269.23**  
PennDOT Projects Account-**\$50.37**  
DCNR Peer Grant-**\$2548.71** (\$.06 int)

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January Prior Year Real Estate Tax \$25,742.29  
January Delinquent RE Tax \$ 6479.20

Council discussed some concerns with delinquent taxes and Keystone Opportunity Zone status.

Police/Fire Committee-Mayor Tarantella and the Police Committee called for an Executive Session at the end of the meeting.

Building Committee/Health & Sanitation-Nothing to Report.

Streets/Park Committee- W. Fornwalt III noticed a few buildings he believes should be boarded up. He also has concerns with electric carts on the roadways. Council had some complaints with garbage and vehicles that will be given to Ordinance Officer Victor Foley.

Ordinance Committee-Nothing to report.

Grants Committee-K. Kepler reported that a new Hospitality Grant will be opening soon for area businesses.

Peer Advisor Alice Trowbridge will be resuming the Rivertown meetings via Zoom starting March 1 at 6:00 pm.

Chapman Township voted to open some of the township roads to ATV's and will be doing an Ordinance and signage in the future months.

The secretary was contacted to fix a couple items on the Multimodal Grant that was submitted last year for curbs and sidewalks. The Grant will be reviewed at the March 23, 2021 CFA meeting.

The Clinton County Community Foundation awarded the Renovo Borough \$5400 towards a camera system in the public parks. The secretary submitted a grant to TC Energy for the remaining \$5400.

Council discussed putting in a tourism grant for new signs at both entrances to the Renovo Borough.

**WATER AUTHORITY BUSINESS**

K. Kepler reported that the water authority put out bid requests for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Street water line replacement and the tanker filling station on 15<sup>th</sup> Street.

The water authority is working on a contract to provide water operator services to Chapman Township.

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## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Council discussed recent complaints with the recycling bins in East Renovo. Council will have V. Tarantella contact Wayne Township to push back the bins so they are closer to the basketball courts. They also will order signage that states the recycling area will be closed from dusk to dawn.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**A motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by P. Rauch to renew the Costar's salt contract for the August 2021-July 2022 season. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

Council was made aware that the lease with the Little League for the use of the fields in East Renovo will be expiring this year. The Renovo Youth Baseball Association would like to renew the lease for another twenty (20) years. Council noted that the name for the Little League will change on the lease and they would like to increase the liability insurance with a Certificate of Liability given annually to the Renovo Borough.

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by D. Knauf to renew the lease with the Renovo Youth Baseball Association for another twenty (20) year period at \$1 per year with an increase of the liability insurance to 1,000,000 and a Certificate of Liability provided annually to Renovo Borough. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

P. Rauch notified Council that the Flaming Foliage Committee has plans for a one-day Flaming Foliage event with all the activities for the queens and the parade and coronation taking place on the same day. The committee felt this would eliminate the need for the queens to stay with host families and would be safer for all involved. The committee still plans on having the vendors be a three-day event.

**Council went into Executive Session at 7:10 pm for personnel issues.**

**Executive Session ended at 7:40 pm.**

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by R. Balchun to hire Chief of Police applicant Richard Simpson at 20 hours a week at \$30 an hour for a one-year probationary period starting March 1, 2021. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor Tarantella will contact Mr. Simpson and police arbitrator Michael Miller who will send Mr. Simpson a letter of hire.

**A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 pm. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

ATTEST: Marsha Davis, Secretary/Treasurer  
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