

Renovo Borough Council
128 5th Street, Renovo, PA 17764
April 8, 2026

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 John Simon with the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag. The following Council Members were present, Tracy Bruno, Ted Hill(phone), David Knauff, Kristy Serafini-Brooks(phone), Dave Walker and Mayor Justin Lynn. Also, in attendance, Secretary/Treasurer Mary Kramer. Corey Aungst was not present.

GALLERY

Louie Anastos, Dan Harger, Commissioner Jim Russo, Jamie Shrauder, Deb Podokus, Ann Tarantella, Lisa Eckert, James Tarantella, Carrie Demarte, Kyle Stewart, James Kelley, Commissioner Angela Harding, Steve Gibson, Mary George Rhone and David H.

Gene Bruno Reminded Council and new members of the economic partnership's efforts over the past nine years, especially Mike Flanagan. Flanagan did everything he could to help the borough including looking for future businesses for Industrial Park. G. Bruno also stated what happens at Industrial Park is only going to help the borough. Last month's meeting Council asked for more information about the Storey building and that's why officials came to provide more information at Council's request.

Commissioner Russo stated they have a sales agreement on the story building with Anesidora. A lab consolidating five or six labs into one. No production will occur at this location. They will test reclaimed dirt from mines for precious metals. If hard metals are found, they will be processed at another facility, location is unknown. The building was sold for a third of its value to bring industry to the area. The new business intends to bring in 10 jobs to start with and up to 50 jobs after. Starting pay may be \$25-30 an hour with full time benefits. Commissioner Russo also stated that Dave and Dan Harger built the building back in 2000/2001 and stated there are no zoning requirements, and they can move in immediately.

Dan Harger former chair of the Clinton County Economic Partnership stated they have been fighting for Renovo since 2000. The new facility will bring in potential people to move into the borough and change the tax base. No DEP permit is required at the facility. They will test overburden from old slag piles for precious metals. The material will be tested and then shipped out to another location for processing. The process cleans up the location where the material was resourced. They hope to have the deal signed within the next 30 days and start moving in equipment and hiring people. The Economic Partnership still retains the right of way through the park.

Louie Anastos the new CEO of the Clinton County Economic Partnership stated that the partnership and the commissioners will always help Renovo. He is excited about the team and what they are proposing. He looks forward to continuing to work with the Borough and Commissioners.

Steve Gibson with Clinton County Planning gave an update on the DCNR Grant for Memorial Park. The Borough was awarded roughly a million dollars to develop memorial park. DCNR has stopped the process because Renovo Borough must be the recipient of the funds. He stated the Borough needs to open an interest-bearing account and enter into an agreement to handle payments. PennCore Consulting has finished the survey work and wants to discuss the reservation systems that will be used.

Champlain Ave demolition contract documents are done and under solicitor review. He expects them to be out to bid in about two weeks. The building is in poor condition and is expected to be demolished by July. The project is funded with county CDBG money. The borough owns the property but if the borough sells the property after demolition the money must be returned to the county due to federal funding for improvements. If the Borough chooses to donate the property, the new owners can keep it and use it as they wish. Land Bank and Redevelopment Authority is willing to help. The idea is to donate the property to the Redevelopment Authority for a dollar in exchange for the county services of bidding and engineering work. The goal is to look at rehabilitating an entire length of the street and developing it, potentially using a blueprint from one project to build on other unbuildable lots.

The county is working on its comprehensive plan, which is done every ten years. Municipalities should fill out and return the municipal survey. Grant sources want to see that projects are included in the county comprehensive plan.

Jamie Shrauder with Seda-Cog stated 12th street project is now under way. The project is funded to completely rebuild 12th street, including replacing the curbing and repaving and should take about a year. John Simon asked about the rough coating, and she stated that yes there will be a rough coating put down while they are working on it. The project will go out for bid later this spring. They are finishing up the back-end work to meet regulations.

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There is a concern about oil-based prices on the cost of the plastics for the project. The plan is to redo the street by next spring.

Steve Murgas brought to the Council board a parking proposal for 5th street. Steve Murgas owns Murgas Security and opened a security building as a business incubator. He is requesting an additional one-hour parking spot across the street to protect the commercial area from being overrun with vehicles. He is proposing to move salt pile from parking lot along the record building to the end of 6th street to create 12-14 municipal parking spots. The parking spots would be open to the public and address parking needs for businesses and events such as Heritage Park events.

Charlie Voss asked about the emergency testing of the siren for the Stevenson Dam. He stated that there are supposed to be emergency testing of the siren at 5 o'clock on the first Saturday of the month. He claims that for the past 5 years there have been no sirens in Renovo or South Renovo for the Stephenson Dam. David Knauff and Ted Hill explained that Stephenson Dam is in Cameron County not Clinton County and are coordinated by the emergency management and state parks. The alarms are meant to protect the 64 residences below the dam in Cameron County. The Stevenson Dam is not in Renovo or South Renovo area.

James Tarantella states he owns two properties at 219 6th street and 217-219 7th street. He is having a tree issue at 219 6th street, a tree between the curb and sidewalk is causing the sidewalk to heave. He wants to know who is responsible for cutting it down. Council informed him that he was that owners are responsible for the runaway. He is also having a trash issue at 217 and 219. There are parking places in the yard behind the properties and a truck full of trash and tires were left there along with a ladder and bike. He states that he talked to the police a few months ago about it, but the issue wasn't resolved. He states there is an Ordinance against this but it's not his trash. Council stated they would look into this for him.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made by D. Walker and seconded by T. Bruno to accept the minutes as written for the March 11, 2026, regular meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

BILLS

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

MONTHLY CORRESPONDENCE

Code Assessment Professional provided Council with code violations and permit activity through March.

Renovo Police department provided the Police report for March.

Clinton County Planning Commission sent minutes from February 17, 2026 and the meeting agenda along with various reports.

The Clinton Tax Collection sent its meeting minutes from the January 28 meeting with a copy of the Bylaws and a March 31 meeting Agenda.

Clinton County sent a report from the 250th celebration meeting that was held in March.

Code Assessments sent a copy of a Floodplain Consistency letter for a proposed project at 1700 Erie Avenue.

Code Assessments sent a proposal to Council for working with a local Ordinance Officer.

Senator Cris Dush will be hosting a meeting on April 28 and April 29 for local government leaders. The registration deadline is April 17, 2026.

The KCSD is planning to have the park program this year. They are recommending bringing back the same park supervisors that were there last year, who were Cheyenne Casper and Eva Sockman.

Seda Cog sent meeting notes from the Renovo Area Wide Plan kick off meeting that was held on March 9, 2026. A public meeting will be held May 20 at 6 pm at the Renovo Fire Department.

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A proposal was received from Kevin Hill to trade a 2009 Chevrolet HHR Panel Van for the 2004 Chevrolet 2500. Both vehicles have over 200,000 miles and would be an as is exchange. Mr. Hill will also have borough decals installed on the vehicle.

Lecce Electric Inc. sent the 2026 proposal for the annual traffic light inspection and maintenance for a cost of \$1794.00.

The Greater Renovo Area Heritage Park, Inc. is requesting a \$500 donation for the summer concert program.

The Clinton County Solid Waste Authority will be holding a residential tire collection event on May 8 and May 9 from 8 am to 12 pm at the recycling center in Wayne Township.

Western Clinton County Municipal Authority sent minutes from March 4, 2026, and March 18, 2026, meetings.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Lynn explained to Council that he is still trying to get Dollar General to put a market in town. He met with the new regional manager and discussed an investor who was interested in purchasing the Storey building to lease the Dollar General, but the deal is off the table. Dollar General needs a 10,000 square foot building with on-site parking that they can lease. The Family Dollar building is a possibility, but the owner wants millions for it. The Mayor will try and get the square footage of the building to present to the owner. Goodwill was interested in buying the Family Dollar building.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration- Nothing to report.

Police/Fire Committee- Nothing to report.

Building Committee/Health & Sanitation- Nothing to report.

Streets/Park Committee- Nothing to report.

Ordinance Committee- Nothing to report. Ordinance officer will be discussed in executive session.

Grants Committee- T. Bruno says the committee has been exploring grant opportunities particularly those with no match requirement. They are focusing on Park improvements for both 16th street and 9th street and town wide cameras. Harry Crissy from Penn State Extension is assisting with grant identification and project design. T. Bruno also went over the Property Tax rebate benefits and the Elder Cottage Housing Opportunity.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-

Hiring a new ordinance officer will be discussed in executive session.

NEW BUSINESS

Two (2) bids were received by 11:00 A.M on April 8, 2026 via the PennBid program and were opened and reviewed by Peters Consultants office. The lowest bidder was Steinbacher Enterprises, Inc. with a bid totaling \$285,775.00. The other bid received was from Brdaric Excavating Inc. with a bid totaling \$297,615.00.

A Motion was made by D. Walker and accepted by T. Bruno to accept the bid for 14th Street Demolition of \$285,775.00 from Steinbacher Enterprises, Inc. based on the recommendation of Peters Consultants. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by T. Hill and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to adopt Ordinance No. 822 joining and adopting the Articles of Agreement between and among the governments of the NorthCentral Regional ATV Trail Network. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by D. Walker to adopt Resolution 11-2026 for the disposition of public records as set forth by the Municipal Records Manual. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

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A Motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by D. Knauff to adopt the Agreement with Clinton County to provide administration services of the DCNR ATV Grant for Memorial Park. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by T. Hill to open an interest-bearing checking for the DCNR ATV Grant. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by T. Hill and seconded by D. Walker to approve the summer park supervisor positions with the previous year's instructors Cheyanne Casper and Eva Sockman as recommended by KCSD. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by T. Hill to close the titled PennDOT account for past grants with a balance of \$54.90 and the old General Fund Checking with a balance of \$826.90 and move to the new General Fund Checking account. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by D. Knauff to make a \$500 donation to Heritage Park for music concerts. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by D. Walker to accept the quote from Lecce Electric Inc. of \$1794 for the 2026 traffic signal maintenance. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by T. Bruno to participate in the Clinton County residential tire collection event on May 8, 2026. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by T. Bruno to exchange the 2004 Chevrolet 2500 for a 2009 Chevrolet HHR Panel Van for a fair and as-is trade and authorize Vinnie Tarantella to sign all paperwork for the transaction. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by D. Knauff to approve the partial closing of Erie Avenue on April 11 from 10 am to 10:30 am for the annual Little League Parade. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by D. Walker to approve the Rental Inspection Packet as presented. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

M. Kramer read the Report of Balances as of April 8,2026.

Ted Hill lost connection right before Executive meeting began and did not call back in.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Council went into executive session at 7:30 pm to discuss personnel issues and ended at 7:50 pm.

A motion was made by T. Bruno and seconded by D. Knauff to terminate Joe Lyons with Codes Assessment Professionals as Code Ordinance officer. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to appoint D. Walker as the Code Ordinance officer effective Monday April 13, 2026, at \$15.00 and 15 Hours a week. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by T. Bruno and seconded by D. Knauff to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: Mary Kramer Secretary/Treasurer
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