

**Renovo Borough Council**  
**128 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Renovo, PA 17764**  
**August 13, 2025**

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; Michael Kelley, David Knauff, Patricia Rauch (arrived 6:10), Kristy Serafini-Brooks (arrived 6:20) and John Simon. Also in attendance, Mayor Gene Bruno and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Marsha Davis. Absent: Rhonda Balchun

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**A motion was made by J. Simon and seconded by D. Knauff to accept the minutes as written for the July 9, 2025 regular meeting. A voice vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously.**

**BILLS**

Administration-\$2701.16 /Building-\$647.42 /Fire-\$0/Parks-\$912.95/Police-\$2072.06/ Streets-\$3614.48

**A motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by M. Kelley to pay the bills presented if the money is available. A voice vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously.**

Councilwoman P. Rauch arrived at this time.

**GALLERY**

Janean Mace informed Council that the borough will not be demolishing her property on 14<sup>th</sup> Street. She stated that it was not in a state of condemnation and was brought up to code with the approval of former building inspector Dan Vilello. Ms. Mace feels she was put out on the street with no help offered by the borough. She emphasized that she owns her home and wants to keep it. She will bring legal action if anyone touches her home on 14<sup>th</sup> Street.

Council responded that her home has been condemned as part of the row homes and that she was offered help. She was also given two months to remove her belongings after the condemnation.

**MONTHLY CORRESPONDENCE**

Code Assessment Professionals provided Council with the code violations and permit activity for July.

The Renovo Police Department provided Council with the police report for the month of July.

The Clinton County Planning Department provided Council with a monthly staff report of activities in the Department.

Clinton County Commissioner Jeff Snyder updated Council on the planning process to establish a Council of Governments for the Norcentral Regional ATV Trail Network.

The Greater Renovo Area Heritage Park invited Council to the annual dinner and elections to be held on August 18, 2025 at the North Bend Grille at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$30 per person and must RSVP by August 10, 2025.

The Renovo Fire Department sent Council a request for funding through their 2025 fund drive.

The PA State Flaming Foliage Festival, Inc. thanked Council for sponsoring the 2024 program book. The FFF is now asking for sponsors for the 2025 program book. Ads range from \$15 for an 1/8 page to \$100 for a full page.

Council received correspondence from Nathan Marnien, a young developer with a long-term vision for revitalizing small towns like Renovo. Mr. Marnien would like to schedule a meeting to discuss his proposal in greater detail and welcomes mentorship or feedback from Council.

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The Renovo Borough received a letter of resignation from Kari Kepler effective immediately. Ms. Kepler is resigning from the Renovo Borough Water Authority board due to the sale of her property in Renovo Borough.

Mala Moore, TCC Secretary, sent Council two proposals received for collecting earned income tax. One from Berkheimer and one from Keystone Collections. Both had presentations and the TCC delegates voted unanimously to accept the Berkheimer proposal.

Donald Houser, on behalf of Eastern Gas Transmission and Storage updated Council on the Capital Area Project. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission issued its Environmental Assessment of the project and contained findings of no significant impact.

The Renovo Borough Water Authority sent Council the minutes from their June 17, 2025 meeting.

The Western Clinton County Municipal Authority sent Council the minutes from their July 2, 2025 and July 16, 2025 meetings.

Councilwomen K. Serafini-Brooks arrived at this time.

**MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Bruno informed Council that people have been complaining to him about the state of the homes within the borough. He feels that the process is taking too long to get people to clean up around their homes. He also stated that the owner of the former Charmed building on Erie Avenue will be demolishing the building in the near future.

The Mayor spoke with Council about the lights still being out on the bridge. He will call PPL to come up and get it fixed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administration-President Tarantella read the account balances. She asked Council to watch their spending the rest of the year to keep within budget.

Police/Fire Committee – Nothing to report.

Building Committee/Health & Sanitation- A report was provided by Code Assessment Professionals.

Streets/Park Committee –Council discussed hedges that were cut down around a stop sign on the alley on 12 Street. The owner said they were not notified. The borough has 50 foot right of way on St. Clair if there is any foliage obstructing traffic signs.

Ordinance Committee- Nothing to report.

Grants Committee- President Tarantella stated that 12<sup>th</sup> Street will have new water lines and paving through CDBG funding but may not be completed until next Spring. Delaware Avenue rehabilitation should be completed in 2026. The county and borough are working with DCNR for the Memorial Park ATV Trailhead which should be started in 2026.

The borough put in a 2025 CDBG application for the paving of 4<sup>th</sup> Street and the demolition of 215/217 Champlain Avenue.

**WATER AUTHORITY BUSINESS**

The merger of the Renovo Borough Water Authority with the Western Clinton County Municipal Authority should be complete by January 2026.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Chief Drollinger presented Council with an updated Agreement with changes made after the July 9, 2025 meeting.

**A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by D. Knauff to approve the Chief of Police Agreement for the period August 14, 2025 through December 31, 2029. A roll call vote was taken with four (4) yes votes from M. Kelley, D. Knauff, P. Rauch and J. Simon and two (2) no votes from K. Serafini-Brooks and A. Tarantella. Motion passed.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by P. Rauch to approve Ordinance 819 to amend the Parking Ordinance to allow three 15-Minute parking signs for a new business on 8<sup>th</sup> Street. A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by P. Rauch to approve a handicap parking application for 221 5<sup>th</sup> Street. A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by D. Knauff to approve the Repository Sale of tax parcel B-21-0014 at 208 8<sup>th</sup> Street. A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made D. Knauff and seconded by J. Simon to purchase a full-page ad for the Flaming Foliage program book at a cost of \$100. A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously with P. Rauch abstaining due to being Co-Chairman of Flaming Foliage.**

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by D. Knauff to allow the Assistant Secretary/Treasurer sign paperwork for the backhoe transfer from the Renovo Borough Water Authority to the Renovo Borough. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by J. Simon and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to approve the recommendation of Seda-Cog for Peters Consulting to provide engineering services for the 14<sup>th</sup> Street demolition project not to exceed \$37,060 paid from FEMA-HMGP grant funding. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

Council discussed the proposal from Berkheimer to collect the Local Service Tax. Councilwoman K. Serafini-Brooks as Tax Collection Committee delegate for Renovo Borough recommended that Council accept this proposal.

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by P. Rauch to accept Berkheimer's proposal to collect the Local Service Tax beginning in 2026. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**Executive Session: None**

**A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by J. Simon to accept the resignation of Kari Kepler from the Renovo Borough Water Authority Board effective immediately as per her correspondence. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by D. Knauff to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm. A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.**

ATTEST: Marsha Davis  
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Renovo Borough Council