

Renovo Borough Council
128 5th Street, Renovo, PA 17764
February 12, 2025

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; Kristy Serafini-Brooks, David Knauff, John Simon and by telephone Rhonda Balchun. Also in attendance, Secretary/Treasurer Ashley Sporny
Absent: Mayor Gene Bruno and Councilwomen Patricia Rauch.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made by K Serafini-Brooks and seconded by J. Simon to accept the minutes as written for the January 8, 2025, regular meeting. A voice vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously.

BILLS

Administration-\$6,553.67 /Building-\$2,770.35 /Fire-\$0/Parks-\$188.48/Police-\$4,939.49/ Streets-\$3,183.44

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

GALLERY :

Eighth Street resident, Ronald Miller spoke to Council about an ongoing problem with dumpsters being stored on a neighboring property. He explained that D and D Garbage Disposal has been using this property located at 800 Huron Ave to store their dumpsters in between pick up days. At the most, he has seen three dumpsters stored at one time in the parking lot at this address and they are being stored up against the property line that borders Mr. Miller's home. Mr. Miller also stated he has spoken to the owner of said property and has not been able to convince the owner to remove them. He pleaded with Council for a solution to this problem since warmer weather is coming, he is worried about the smell and the rodents it will attract. He feels this not only makes the surrounding area look bad but it also poses a health risk to him.

Borough Secretary explained to Mr. Miller that she spoke with the Codes Enforcement Officer on this matter and he stated that since this property is zoned commercial and there is no current Ordinance regulating dumpsters on Commercial properties there is not much that can be done. The only thing that is not allowed is the transferring of garbage on this site. Meaning, if garbage is being dumped and transferred from this property it then becomes a "transfer station" and this is not allowed in the Borough without proper permits. After inspection of the dumpsters and property the Codes Enforcement Officer stated the dumpsters are sitting empty on the property. The Borough Codes Enforcement Officer said he would keep an eye on the dumpsters moving into spring and summer and if the problem does persist and causes foul odors and rodents to be drawn in this will become a health and safety issue and a quality-of-life violation can be issued to the owner.

President Tarantella offered to have the Borough Secretary call D and D Garbage Disposal and explain the situation and the problems their dumpsters being stored on this lot is causing to neighboring properties and see if they would be willing to remove the dumpsters. She also reminded Mr. Miller that since there is no ordinance to address this issue that the Borough cannot simply ask this company to remove their dumpsters.

MONTHLY CORRESPONDENCE

The Department of Auditor General informed Council that the Renovo Firemen's Relief Association is now in compliance regarding a finding in the 2020-2022 audit report. They have released the 2024 state aid for the Renovo Firemen's Relief Association.

The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources announced that a grant award in the amount of \$975,800 has been awarded for the Memorial Park-Development and ATV trailhead.

The Clinton County Assessment Department notified Council that the property they own at 149 Fourth Street has been reassessed now that the structure has been removed. The assessment for this property is \$3800.

APPI provided Council with the current renewal offers for electricity.

Gwin, Dobson & Foreman, engineers for the WCCMA provided Act 14 notification that they intend to submit a PADEP DEP Part II-Water Quality Management Permit for Renovo Wastewater Treatment Facility Upgrades & Additions.

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Jason Yerger, a forester with Precision Forestry offered Council his services to cut and sell timber on borough owned property.

The Renovo Borough Water Authority sent Council the minutes from their December 17, 2024 meeting.

The Western Clinton County Municipal Authority sent Council the minutes from their January 15, 2025 meeting.

MAYORS REPORT: ABSENT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration- none to report

Police/Fire Committee – none to report

Building Committee/Health & Sanitation- none to report.

Streets/Park Committee - none to report

Ordinance Committee- none to report

Grants Committee- none to report

WATER AUTHORITY BUSINESS : President Tarantella updated Council that the municipalities agreed to sign a letter of intent regarding the merger between Authority's.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A motion was made by K. Serafini- Brooks and seconded by J. Simon to move forward with the Rental Inspection program with help from Codes Assessment Professionals. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by K.Serafini-Brooks to renew the Costar's Salt Contract for the August 2025-July 2026 season. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by J. Simon and seconded by K.Serafini-Brooks to set street laborer, Leon Tarr's return to work date as May 5th, 2025, he will continue to work part time seasonal Monday through Wednesday 8:00 AM to 4:30PM. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by K.Serafini-Brooks and seconded by R. Balchun to send Officer Jim Knarr to a two-day Child Abuse Training Course in State College April 7th and 8th at a cost of \$350 to be reimbursed by the District Attorney's office. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by K.Serafini-Brooks and seconded by J. Simon to transfer assets from Nationwide to Charles Schwab in the Police Pension Plan based on the recommendation from Girard Pension Services. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by K.Serafini-Brooks and seconded by R. Balchun to authorize distribution from Timothy Bratton's MFS retirement funds due to his retirement on 12/31/2024. A voice vote was taken, motion was passed unanimously.

Council entered an Executive session for personnel issues at 7:00 PM. Council came out of Executive at 7:12 PM

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: Ashley Sporny,
Secretary/Treasurer Renovo Borough Council