

Renovo Borough Council
128 5th Street, Renovo, PA 17764
January 14, 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; Tracey Bruno, David Knauff, Kristy Serafini-Brooks (6:10) , and Dave Walker. Secretary/Treasurer Mary Kramer, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Marsha Davis and Solicitor Stuart Hall.

Absent: Corey Aungst

President Simon read the resignation letter from Michael Kelley effective January 5, 2026.

A motion was made by D. Walker and seconded by T. Bruno to accept the Resignation of Michael Kelley. A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

Theodore Hill expressed interest to fill the vacant seat.

A motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by D. Walker to appoint Theodore Hill to fill the vacant council seat. A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

Mayor J. Lynn swore in Theodore Hill as the new council member.

Kristy Serafini-Brooks called in at this time

The Committee List for 2026 was read by President J. Simon and distributed.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made by D. Walker and seconded by T. Bruno to accept the minutes as written from the December 10, 2025 regular meeting. A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by D. Walker to accept the minutes from the January 5, 2026 reorganizational meeting. A voice vote was taken; passed unanimously.

BILLS

Administration-\$3886.94 /Building-\$1596.82 /Fire-\$0/Parks-\$323.18/Police-\$5852.44/ Streets-\$8996.12

A motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by T. Bruno to pay the bills presented if the money is available. A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

GALLERY

Jeff Snyder, Steve Gibson, Joe Lyons, Mike Kelley, Deb Pedokus, Aaron Hughes, Betsy Kramer, Ron Stevens, Ann Tarantella, State Police Sergeant Brian Evarts.

Sergeant Brian Evarts from the State Police Lamar Barracks asked the Mayor and Council to keep them informed if the borough loses an officer or adds an officer so they can staff accordingly. Since there are a new Mayor and Council, he wanted to introduce himself and stated he is always available to meet or talk about any issues.

Betsy Kramer from Seda-Cog spoke to Council about the current Hazard Mitigation Grant with FEMA to demolish 14th Street. She updated Council on the progress of the grant with appraisals completed and Peters Consulting hired to prepare bids for the project. Since it is a voluntary program all sixteen homeowners must participate or the grant cannot move forward. The borough only has until September 2026 to complete the project. There have been title searches done with some issues with clean titles. Ms. Kramer recommends that the borough purchase the properties that are on the repository sale, seven (7) in all, since the property owners did not make the titles good so the project can move forward.

Deborah Pedokus, Renovo Borough Tax Collector presented Council with the final tax report for 2025 and asked for three signatures. The report showed that \$61,251.97 in taxes were unpaid in 2025.

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Steve Gibson, Clinton County Planner, and Commissioner Jeff Snyder spoke to Council about the DCNR ATV Trailhead Memorial Park Campground grant that the county is administering on behalf of Renovo Borough. There is no match required from the borough for this grant. The grant requires a letter of assurance that the campground will mainly be used by registered ATV owners. A lengthy discussion took place with some members of the gallery and Council expressing concerns.

Mr. Gibson also spoke to Council about the work the Redevelopment Authority is doing with blight in the area and the future demolition of 215 Champlain Avenue. The Authority would like to start a land bank so they can market vacant lots for redevelopment.

Steve Gibson informed Council that the county is receiving \$400,000 for the DCED Home Grant program with the Commissioners adding another \$50,000 and leftover CDBG funds of \$30,000. This program will benefit homeowners with an income limit and will reinvest in homes that need properties brought up to code. The program reinvests in the community before the properties become blighted.

Joe Lyons of Code Assessment Professionals spoke to Council about the Rental Inspection Program that will begin this year. Inspections will be completed in the July 1 to July 31 timeframe. If there are any issues that need fixed, they will be give so much time to complete the repairs. Rental property owners will be receiving a registration application that will need to be completed in the near future.

MONTHLY CORRESPONDENCE

Deborah Pedokus, Tax Collector, provided Council with the tax collector report for November and December of 2025.

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

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

The Clinton County Tax Collection Committee sent their October 29, 2025 minutes and their December 17, 2025 agenda and budget for 2026.

Council Received a resignation letter from Council Member Michael Kelley effective January 5, 2026.

The Clinton County Economic Partnership will be participating in the Great American Outdoor Show this year. They are asking business for donations for prizes.

The Renovo Borough Water Authority sent Council the minutes from their November 18, 2025 meeting.

The Western Clinton County Municipal Authority sent Council the minutes from their December 3, 2025 and December 17, 2025 meetings.

MAYORS REPORT

Dollar General and Goodwill are interested in the old Family Dollar store. He will keep us updated.

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.

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Ordinance Committee- Nothing to report.

Grants Committee- Assistant Secretary M. Davis informed Council that the new police vehicle is almost ready to be delivered to the borough. USDA has been notified and will begin planning the closing documents for this grant/loan.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A motion was made by D. Walker and seconded by T. Bruno to approve the repository purchase of tax Parcel No. C-14-0015/Control #31-16097 and Tax Parcel No. C-14-0014/Control #31-16095 purchased by Renovo Borough and send consent to the tax claim bureau. A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by T. Hill and seconded by T. Bruno to purchase 135, 137, 145, 149, and 151 14th Street properties at the February repository sale at a cost of \$816 including fees for each property. A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by D. Walker to approve the Memorial Park ATV Trailhead and Campground Project and Assurance Letter for the DCNR grant. A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by D. Walker and seconded by T. Bruno to accept the Girard Pension Services agreement as presented. A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by T. Hill and seconded by D. Knauff to send a letter of authorization for Mary Kramer to sign paperwork for the 2026 For Inceptor USDA grant/loan. A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session:

There was no Executive session

Adjournment:

A motion was made by D. Knauff and Seconded by D. T. Hill adjourn the meeting at 8:29A pm. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: Mary Kramer
Secretary/Treasurer Renovo Borough Council