

Renovo Borough Council
128 5th Street, Renovo, PA 17764
July 9, 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; Rhonda Balchun, Michael Kelley (via teleconference), David Knauff, Patricia Rauch and John Simon. Also in attendance, Mayor Gene Bruno and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Marsha Davis.
Absent: Kristy Serafini-Brooks

PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by J. Simon to accept the minutes as written for the June 11, 2025, regular meeting. A voice vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously.

BILLS

Administration-\$4315.97 /Building-\$1175.82 /Fire-\$0/Parks-\$1021.76/Police-\$2447.28/ Streets-\$4320.55

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

GALLERY

Ronald Miller complained to Council about the trash dumpsters on a property on the corner of 8th and Huron Avenue. He stated that these dumpsters have an odor and are attracting flies and are about five feet from his kitchen window. Mr. Miller provided notes from his doctor that these dumpsters should be at least 200 feet from his property due to health issues.

Joe Lyons and Jeffrey Fry from Code Assessment Professionals were also in the Gallery and stated that they have inspected these dumpsters at least two or three times. Each time they were inspected there was no garbage in them and no bugs. The property is a Commercial property and as such is allowed to store these dumpsters for DND.

The Mayor informed Council and Mr. Miller that he may have a solution. He will contact the owner of DND and see if he can get the dumpster storage moved to another location that he has in mind. The Mayor will contact Mr. Miller and Code Assessment Professionals and let them know if both parties agree to this new location.

Joe Lyons and Jeffrey Fry, Code Assessment Professionals, spoke to Council about ongoing code violations in the borough and the steps being taken to resolve them. They also spoke about the Conservatorship option to acquire and demolish any unsafe buildings in the borough.

Council and Code Assessment Professionals spoke about the Rental Inspection Program and the steps to put this program in place within the borough. Mr. Lyons will finish the paperwork and send to the secretary for Council and Solicitor review.

MONTHLY CORRESPONDENCE

Deborah Pedokus, Renovo Borough Tax Collector, provided Council with the June 2025 tax report.

The Renovo Area Public Library thanked Council for their donation.

Council received notification that the Act 13 Marcellus Shale funding in the amount of \$4746.72 was deposited into the general fund.

Council received communication from Jake Elks, Marlborough Hunting and Fishing Club President, with concerns of limited access to Sproul State Forest due to closure of Left-Hand Branch Young Woman's Creek Road. He asks that officials work to get this resolved that respects private property.

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Council received notification that the 2025 Community Development Grant Program is now open. Project summaries are due by August 7, 2025.

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

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

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

The Clinton Tax Collection Committee sent the Agenda for the June 30, 2025 meeting and a copy of the approved January 22, 2025 meeting minutes.

The Renovo Borough Water Authority sent Council the minutes from their May 20, 2025 meeting.

The Western Clinton County Municipal Authority sent Council the minutes from their June 4, 2025 and June 18, 2025 meetings.

MAYORS REPORT-The Mayor reported that they have removed several illegal automobiles off the borough streets in the past couple of weeks.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration-R. Balchun went over the balances in the borough's accounts. She also informed Council that they interviewed for the position of Secretary/Treasurer. They will be conducting more interviews before they present their recommendation to Council.

Police/Fire Committee – Nothing to report.

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

Streets/Park Committee –The secretary informed Council that the CareerLink summer helper has resigned from her position on the Streets and Parks crew due to the position not being the right fit for her.

Ordinance Committee- Nothing to report.

Grants Committee- The Memorial Park ATV Trailhead Committee met with Clinton County Planner, Steve Gibson and Commissioner Jeff Snyder to review the grant process and the beginning steps of the Memorial Park rehabilitation. The Committee will meet in the future with DCNR to go over project timelines.

WATER AUTHORITY BUSINESS- President Tarantella informed Council that the Water Authority will be transferring the John Deere backhoe to the Renovo Borough for a nominal amount before the merger of the Water Authority and the Sewage Authority.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS-Council received information they requested from Seda-Cog concerning the Community Rating System administration agreement.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by P. Rauch to approve the Community Rating System Professional and Administrative Services Agreement with Seda-Cog for 2025 at a cost of \$1800. A voice vote was taken; motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by P. Rauch to advertise to amend the Parking Ordinance to add three 15-Minute parking signs for a new business on 8th and Huron. A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

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A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by D. Knauff to trench Woodland Avenue to help the drainage contingent on the property owners' approval. A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by D. Knauff to approve putting in a CDBG grant for the demolition of unsafe properties. A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session: Council went into Executive Session at 8:06 pm to discuss the proposed Chief of Police Agreement. Executive Session ended at 9:12 pm.

President Tarantella stated Chief Drollinger will amend the proposed Chief of Police Agreement as discussed and present at the August 13 meeting for approval.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by P. Rauch to open a Fire Escrow account at First Commonwealth. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by J. Simon and seconded by P. Rauch to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 pm. A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: Marsha Davis
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Renovo Borough Council