

**Renovo Borough Council**  
**128 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Renovo, PA 17764**  
**March 11, 2026**

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 John Simon with the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag. The following Council Members were present, Corey Aungst, Tracy Bruno, Ted Hill, David Knauff, Kristy Serafini-Brooks, Dave Walker and Mayor Justin Lynn. Also, in attendance, Secretary/Treasurer Mary Kramer and Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Marsha Davis.

Public Hearing for Liquor License Transfer to Renovo Supermarket INC.

Mr. John McCreesh representing Vanish Patel who was also present, who owns three other supermarkets, spoke about the changes they would make to put in the 30-seat restaurant where the produce is now. They will be serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner with the option to buy beer. The sale of beer is considered an extra product needed to compete with larger supermarkets. He states that no products will be eliminated from the store. The current manager spoke about how this opportunity will add to the already existing 21 people they employ currently. The Manager will be appointed by the liquor board and must go through a (RAMP) Responsible Alcohol Management Program. A community member expressed frustration about product availability and empty shelves, especially after traveling from Lockhaven to shop locally. Attorney McCreesh stated they are "just getting their feet wet" and have only been there for about 10 months but are working on it.

Attorney Hall stated the standard for approval is whether it would have an adverse effect on the welfare, health, peace, and morals of the municipality or its residents.

**A motion was made K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by T. Bruno to approve the petition for the transfer of the liquor license from Merrick Enterprises Inc. to the Renovo Supermarket INC. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

#### **GALLERY**

DA Strouse, Beth Whitty, Matt Rogers (Executive Session)

DA Strouse addressed Council on police coverage. He stated in his opinion it is vitally important to maintain a local police force in Renovo Borough and surrounding areas. He went over how the calls work through PSP vs our Borough Police. He also states that there is a state shortage of qualified law enforcement personnel across the country. He also stated that Police are first responders when it comes to health and public safety.

The council brought up the idea of trying for a regional police department and discussed having a meeting with the surrounding municipalities to try again. Patti Rauch mentioned they had tried that before, but the surrounding areas did not have the money to support it.

Chief Drollinger mentioned doing a contract like the one Chapman has with us with the other municipalities for a few years before we jump into creating a whole new police department that they may back out of or not have the funding for.

Council will get together a meeting with the surrounding municipalities to talk further on the subject. Mayor Lynn said that starting the conversating now will be good moving forward by the first of the year.

Beth Whitty from the Clinton County Planning department talked about how Renovo Borough has received the DCNR grant for the Memorial Park ATV Trailhead. It will be a campground primarily for ATV's and a trail head there. The county is willing to do all administration at no cost to the Borough. They need to know what the borough wants the county to do and how they can help us.

T. Bruno wanted verification on how the website will work for camping for reservations and it was explained that Renovo Borough will do the upkeep of the website only. All reservations will be made online not through the Borough office.

Beth Whitty also stated that the Clinton County Commissioners received grant money for America 250 specifically for a mural but did not receive any other funding.

All of Harry the Hynerperton contributions come from the Renovo resident gifts. Harry the Hynerperton donated two America 250 flags to Renovo Borough.

#### **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**A motion was made by D. Walker and seconded by D. Knauff to accept the minutes as written for the**

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**February 11, 2026 regular meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

#### **BILLS**

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

#### **MONTHLY CORRESPONDENCE**

Code Assessment Professional provided counsel with code violations and permit activity through February.

Renovo Police department provided Police report for February.

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

NRAT send Invitation to attend a meeting for interested municipals interested in learning more about the NRAT Network COG and how to participate.

Solicitor Stuart Hall sent a letter regarding the proposed distribution from the June 2025 Repository Sale.

The Clinton County Borough's Association Dinner Meeting will be held on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026. It is spouses' night and RSVPs are due by April 3, 2026.

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

#### **MAYORS REPORT**

Mayor Lynn explained to Council about the Seda-Cog grant for Brownfields. He stated it sounded promising after a meeting on Monday. The grant would help with planning and development.

Marsha stated that a public meeting will be held in April to explain the grant and opportunities.

The Mayor presented Council with a picture of a Renovo Borough flag that he created with all of the surrounding municipalities incorporated into it. Council made suggestions for a couple changes but liked the design of it.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Administration- K. Serafini-Brooks stated that the general fund has \$3,776.64 after the bills were paid. The borough only received a EIT check for \$2752.47 in the month of February and that without that check we would only have roughly \$1,000 in our account. She stated that we should soon be receiving a check for real estate taxes because the tax bills were sent out last month.

Police/Fire Committee-K. Serafini-Brooks said an Interview was conducted with a potential office and would be discussed further in executive session.

Building Committee/Health & Sanitation- J. Simon stated that we need to advertise in the paper to let people know to contact the Borough to add their name and address to the list so Vinnie can pick up the tires for the tire pickup.

Streets/Park Committee- Vinnie supplied the council with two quotes for fixing the Chevy Truck Power steering. D. Knauff will look at it and see if he can fix it.

Ordinance Committee- Council tabled the discussion until next month concerning the Zoning Officer position. Mary will call Joe Lyons to see if he is ok with not doing the first step of the Ordinance process but still handle the court cases.

Grants Committee- T. Bruno stated she had contacted Beth Whitty about the Police Camera Grant for cameras. Chief Drollinger said those were for body cameras not street cameras.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS-None**

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**A Motion was made by D. Walker and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to approve the Bid of \$1600.00 for the 2014 Dodge Charger received through municibid. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A Motion was made by T. Bruno and seconded by D. Walker to approve the PLCB Resolution 10-2026 for the Liquor License Transfer. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A Motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by T. Hill to approve the PA 1-Call Proclamation. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously. Mayor Justin Lynn read the Proclamation and signed.**

**A Motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by T. Bruno to approve the Repository Property sales of 14 Street Properties from the February repository sale which included 135,137,145,149, and 151 14<sup>th</sup> Street. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A Motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by D. Walker for NRAT Membership of \$200 a year per year for three years. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

Ordinance Officer Position-Tabled until Next month. Mary will call Joe Lyons and confirm with him.

**A Motion was made by D. Walker and seconded by D. Knauff to adopt the Renovo Borough Flag with suggested changes made. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

2004 Chevy Power steering repairs-Tabled until next month. D. Knauff to look at the truck.

Zoning Ordinance Change at Industrial Park- After a lengthy conversation about the difference between I3 and I2 zoning this has been tabled for now. A meeting will be set up to bring all parties to the table to discuss. Mayor Justin Lynn states that he got a call from a man wanting to bring a toxic waste incineration facility across the tracks. We need to make sure we have safeguards in place to protect ourselves. T. Hill stated he had received a phone call that someone was interested in the property across the tracks and that Mayor Justin Lynn had told him the borough was not interested. Mayor Lynn stated that yes, he had talked to the man candidly about the nature of the community but had no authority to do that. He wanted to know why none of the commissioners or the Economic Partnership had told the Borough about it. T. Bruno stated that she had heard from J. Russo so yes, they had reached out to the council. D. Knauff also stated that he heard they were going to talk to the council as well. T. Bruno said she doesn't want to lose any financial support from the county. T. Hill stated that the council shouldn't shoot themselves in the foot and that he didn't want the Commissioners to start looking for other areas to invest in and that we needed to sit down and talk to all parties involves. Mayor Lynn stated so if we don't allow the county to steer the ship that is Renovo, they won't give us money? We are within our legal rights to change the zoning. T. Bruno stated that she had gotten a call that Mayor Lynn had shut it down and that they were trying to get 50 or 60 jobs for up here. She said the commissioners are here to help us. K. Serafini-Brooks stated that all parties need to come to the table before we change I3 to I2. Mayor Lynn states that he is all for manufacturing across the tracks. D. Knauff and K. Serafini-Brooks agreed as well. She stated there would be no sense changing the zoning if it was something that the council would want to support across the tracks.

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by T. Bruno to table the discussion on Zoning Ordinance Change until more information is obtained. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**EXECUTIVE MEETING**

Council went into executive session at 7:52 to discuss personnel issues and ended at 8:25

**A Motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by D. Walker to hire Brian Walizer for the Police Officer Position after his graduation from the police academy. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A Motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by D. Knauff to accept the Brian Walizer Police Officer Agreement as presented. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by C. Aungst to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

ATTEST: Mary Kramer Secretary/Treasurer  
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