

Renovo Borough Council
128 5th Street, Renovo, PA 17764
May 13 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, Corey Aungst, Tracy Bruno, Ted Hill, David Knauff, Dave Walker and Mayor Justin Lynn. Also, in attendance, Secretary/Treasurer Mary Kramer. Kristy Serafini-Brooks was not present.

GALLERY

Ann Tarentalla, Deb Pedokus, Bobbie Barner, Kraig Barner, Valerie Aldinger, Rodney Aldinger, Josh O'Brien (video), Carl Gentyel.

Carl Gentyel- Stated he received a code letter that cost the Borough \$10.49 to send. He is concerned about the focus on small rentals/Airbnb's, which are not year-round and contribute to taxes. He is concerned about the town's condition: garbage dilapidated sheds, burned houses, tall grass. Some properties are write-offs for owners who don't live there. He is not against inspections or codes, but feels current enforcement is being "pushed down their throats really quick." He stated he walked around town and took pictures of people's homes where those people's homes were in worse conditions that the Borough needs to take care of before little renters like them. If you want to go after people then go after the ones that their trash is piled up in their yards. He would like to see enforcement on other issues before focusing on rentals.

Pam Gentyel- She states that there is a need for property upkeep but feels penalized for maintaining their property while others don't. She understands the letters and that they were for landlords. She agrees with safety. But before the town goes after them, they need to hold homeowners accountable. She is tired of people getting passes. They are on time paying their bills but enough is enough.

Kraig Barner states his concern is also with the administrative fees for inspections. He states he only knows what they've read and did not agree with such a fee. He states it's the homeowners who allow their places to get trashed not rental properties and that the Borough is going after the wrong people.

Tracy Bruno states that what she knows about the rental is that the borough is trying to make people accountable for their properties. She didn't agree to this but agrees with holding accountability,

Deb Pedokus states that people just want to know why was the letter put out and what its purpose is.

John Simon states We are trying to get the property owners to keep their rental homes kept up so they don't have to be torn down. We have to start somewhere.

Justin Lynn stated that the Borough cannot Target anyone that all rental properties got the letter.

Dave Walker says that he started the Ordinance officer a month ago and that things are going great. He is working with Joe Lyons and the Magistrate taking care of things.

Bobbie Barner states that an ordinance needs to be done to ensure that these certain homeowners that are buying the properties are held accountable for fixing their properties. That they should be given a year and if it's not fixed the property is taken back.

Rodney Aldinger states he's been listening to everyone talk and says that Renovo is classified a depressed area and everyone wants money from all directions. People he rents to are Renovo Lifers. If Joe Lyons comes in here and gives them a reason they can't live there, we are having to throw out people on the street. There has to be other solutions. The fees are enough to tip the balance. What if everyone walks away from their rentals. He wants to sell his properties at his age; it's the mental stress of all of it. Now that we've done this, he probably can't sell to anyone less alone give it away. No one is going to buy this with it hanging over their heads. Maybe there are people who will volunteer to help people clean up their places. No body is going to put the money in to fix up some of these places like yesterdays. The Borough wants a piece of the pie but the pie isn't there. You put a guy in jail what are you going to get out of him then, you can't bring the big city ideas into a small town like Renovo. We are a depressed area.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made by T. Bruno and seconded by D. Walker to accept the minutes as written for the April 8, 2026, regular meeting. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

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Report Balance as of May 13, 2026 was read by T. Bruno

BILLS

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

MONTHLY CORRESPONDENCE

Deborah Pedokus, Tax Collector provided the tax report for April.

Renovo Police department provided the Police report for April

Clinton County Planning Commission sent reports for April 2026

The Clinton Tax Collection sent its meeting minutes from the March 31 meeting and the April 29 meeting Agenda.

Clinton County sent a report from the 250th celebration meeting that was held in March.

GD&F Engineers sent an ACT14 notification for the WCCMA for a water allocation permit application.

Centre County Planning West Nile Virus Program sent information on positive test results for West Nile Virus. Clinton County had 1 positive in Pine Creek Township.

Sandy Run Property Owners Association held their annual meeting on May 2.

Council received correspondence from Noyes Township concerning a joint municipality CleanScapes clean-up event.

Renovo Library sent a letter requesting the use of the old school lot across from the library for a community Garden

Western Clinton County Municipal Authority sent minutes from the April 1, 2026 meeting.

Deborah Pedokus the Renovo Borough Tax Collector provided a detail report of how the taxes work and have been received the past few years. The financial reality of what the Borough actually receives and when. We were out 64,000 in tax revenue last year.

MAYORS REPORT

Justin stated he has received the file for the flag and he's been working on how people can get the flag printed

Justin spoke about the Renovo Cleanup on Friday. They have volunteers meeting at the FFF lots at 8 am to start the cleanup.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration- Nothing to report.

Police/Fire Committee- Nothing to report.

Building Committee/Health & Sanitation- Walker stated that Himself and Steve Gibson are looking into the old church building on 8th st. Steve is looking for grant money to try and take it down. Dave also stated that himself and T. Hill got in touch with PPL and there are no electric lines now running to the house it all has been disconnected.

Streets/Park Committee- Nothing to report.

Ordinance Committee- D. Walker says things have been going good and things are starting to look better

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Grants Committee- T. Bruno is talking to Play in Park Structures to put some new equipment in on 16th street park. Looking for grants without a match to put in equipment in at 9th street park.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion for adding a one-hour parking time to 5th street.

NEW BUSINESS

A Motion was made by D. Walker and seconded by T. Hill to hire Brian Walizer to fund his police academy training and expenses- and to be paid \$20 an hour until his training is complete. Once he passes, he will become a full-time police officer at \$25.00 an hour until probation is complete and then his salary will increase to 29.00 an hour. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by D. Walker and seconded by D. Knauff to accept the agreement for reimbursement for police officer training signed by Brian Walizer. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by C. Aungst and seconded by D. Walker to add an additional 1-hour parking spot to 5th street for business use. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by T. Hill and seconded by T. Bruno to approve change order request from PennCore for additional surveying of Delaware Ave at a cost of \$8,400. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by D. Walker and seconded by T. Hill to send out donation letters to American Legion and Sons of Italy for donations towards adding three Flag Poles and flags American Flag, POW flag and the PA state flag to the Memorial Park Project. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by D. Walker and seconded by T. Hill for Renovo Borough to participate in the CleanScapes Clean-up Event in August or September and will have Noyes township take the lead. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

Renovo Area Wide Plan meeting update: T. Hill and J. Simon both felt like the meeting was geared for tourism not industry and that Industry is what is needed for the Borough to survive. M. Kramer stated that she did reach out to Steve Gibson and his emailed repose was:

“Any information that is provided during a public meeting should really just be informational. SEDA COG received a multi-county grant from USEPA called a "brownfield grant". This grant can be used in one of about 50 ways, whether it's a study, cleanup, demo, etc. For Renovo Borough/Renovo area, they picked a study to look at areas to focus on, to improve the building and site stock, to clean up some of the Borough's blight problems. That said, it's a plan in progress. They want to have a public meeting in Renovo on May 20th for input. I'm out of town that week, so I won't be there, but SEDA COG has some really good consultants to run the meeting.”

A Motion was made by D. Walker and seconded by T. Bruno to allow the Renovo Library to use the Old School Lot for the Wayne Short Community Garden. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

Went into executive meeting at 7:46 came out of executive meeting at 8:40

J. Simon called the meeting back to order stated that they had an executive session pertaining to personnel matters.

Mary Kramer gave an update on the 14th street demolition project stated that the project was in the next steps and over the next few weeks the row houses will be coming down.

A motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by T. Bruno to adjourn the meeting at 8:47. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: Mary Kramer Secretary/Treasurer
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