

Renovo Borough Council
128 5th Street, Renovo, PA 17764
May 14, 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, David Knauff, and John Simon. Also in attendance, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Marsha Davis and Mayor Gene Bruno (arrived 6:05 pm).

Absent: Kristy Serafini-Brooks, Patricia Rauch

PREVIOUS MINUTES

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by M. Kelley to accept the minutes as written for the April 9, 2025, regular meeting. A voice vote was taken, the motion passed unanimously.

BILLS

Administration-\$23,606.00 /Building-\$884.38 /Fire-\$0/Parks-\$327.03/Police-\$1983.75/ Streets-\$24,774.77

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

GALLERY

Roy Darrin questioned Council on Ordinance violations for grass and garbage. He also questioned the state of some of the buildings in town. He feels nothing seems to be getting cleaned up. President Tarantella explained that it is a process, and it takes times. She also stated some of the buildings belong to owners who live out of town. It is hard to get them to take care of their buildings. Councilwoman Balchun also noted on the Code Enforcement report that there was thirty violations in the past month. She is not sure how many will go to the Magistrate.

South Renovo Councilman Burt Wilson informed Council that they met with Terri Cunkle from DCED concerning merging the two boroughs. Mr. Wilson explained that they don't feel they are ready to move forward this year with the merger. They had concerns about no South Renovo residents being able to be on the ballot until 2027. He stated that they are still interested in merging but maybe not until next year. If the merger is on the ballot for 2026 and passes to be effective for January 1, 2028, then South Renovo residents can get on the ballot in 2027 to hold a seat on Council in 2028.

MONTHLY CORRESPONDENCE

Deborah Pedokus, Renovo Borough Tax Collector provided Council with the Tax Collectors report for April.

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

The Clinton County Planning Department presented Council with a draft of the Clinton County Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance regarding Accessory Solar Energy Systems and Principal Solar Energy Systems power-generating equipment and installations. The Department ask that Council review the amendment to the Ordinance and contact them with any questions or concerns by May 9, 2025.

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

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

The Western Clinton County Municipal Authority sent Council the minutes from their April 2, 2025 and April 16, 2025 meetings.

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MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Bruno talked to Council about his past involvement in helping to enforce Ordinances. He feels things are not getting done as quickly without previous Ordinance Officer Dave Walker. The Mayor just wanted to voice his opinions and frustrations with Ordinance enforcement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration-R. Balchun read the account balances. She stated they have received applications for the Secretary/Treasurer position and will be setting up interviews.

Police/Fire Committee – Chief Drollinger presented the updated Police Policy and Procedure manual for Council to review and would like to see it adopted at the June meeting.

Building Committee/Health & Sanitation- Nothing to report.

Streets/Park Committee - Nothing to report.

Ordinance Committee- Nothing to report.

Grants Committee- Nothing to report.

WATER AUTHORITY BUSINESS- None to report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

An Executive Session was held at 7:06 pm to review the Chief of Police Agreement with Chief Drollinger. Executive Session ended at 7:50 pm.

Chief Drollinger stated he will make changes to the Chief of Police Agreement that was discussed, and he will present the amended Agreement at the June meeting for approval.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by J. Simon and seconded by R. Balchun to approve Cecelia Schaffer as a CareerLink summer worker. A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by J. Simon to approve the PennCore Consulting LLC Professional Services Proposal for Engineering for the Delaware Avenue Rehabilitation project of \$46,000. A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by J. Simon and seconded by D. Knauff to approve a bill of \$1930 for drainage and driveway access on Woodland Avenue from Service Garage paid from the Street Maintenance account. A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by R. Balchun to approve the Charles Construction invoice for Woodland Avenue of \$16,532.17 from the Highway Aid account. A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by R. Balchun and seconded by J. Simon to move \$7000 from 410.16 (Ordinance Officer) to 413.00 (Code Enforcement) on the 2025 budget. A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by M. Kelley and seconded by D. Knauff to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 PM. A voice vote was taken; motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: Marsha Davis
Assistant Secretary/Treasurer Renovo Borough Council