

Renovo Borough Council
128 5th Street, Renovo, PA 17764
June 1, 2020

A special 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; William Fornwalt III, David Knauff, Patricia Rauch, Kristy Serafini-Brooks, John Simon and Mayor Thomas Tarantella, Jr. Rhonda Balchun and Solicitor Stuart Hall were in attendance via teleconference. Also in attendance was Secretary/Treasurer Marsha Davis.

A special meeting was held to consider the sale of real estate and any other business to come before the borough.

GALLERY

J. Craig Conti, Sales Associate for Davis Real Estate, Inc. spoke to Council about an \$85,000 offer for the former Family Dollar building that was donated to Renovo Borough in November of 2018. The person making the offer would like to eventually put a pretzel making business in the building and employ up to twenty (20) local residents. Mr. Conti emphasized that the borough received two (2) small bids prior to the borough retaining his services and only one small offer since the borough retained his services in May of 2019.

Solicitor Stuart Hall informed Council that if they accepted the \$85,000 offer, they would have to announce the details of the sale at a public meeting and then they would have to wait thirty (30) days to authorize the private sale. Since the former Family Dollar building would be sold at less than one half of the appraised value Solicitor Hall feels the better option would be to petition the court for approval of the sale thus negating any criticism or arguments against the sale in the future.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

A discussion ensued among Council concerning the offer of \$85,000 for the former Family Dollar building. Council concluded that they have had almost \$20,000 in expenses since taking ownership of the building and don't want to invest much more in the property. Although the offer of \$85,000 isn't ideal the proposed business would benefit the community as well as the building being put back on the tax rolls.

A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by J. Simon to accept the offer of \$85,000 presented by J. Craig Conti of Davis Real Estate and to petition the court to approve the sale below the appraised value. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

Council discussed taking down the "Closed Parks" signs on June 5, 2020 when Clinton County goes in the green phase.

A motion was made by D. Knauff and seconded by R. Balchun remove the "Closed Parks" signs on June 5, 2020. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

P. Rauch questioned why there were three speed bumps on Erie Avenue. She would like to see one of these removed.

K. Serafini-Brooks asked Council if Heritage Park could have the area from the alley on 6th Street to Erie Avenue blocked for a Graduation watch party on June 2, 2020 from 6:00 pm to the conclusion of the event. Council did not have any issue with this request.

A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 pm. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: Marsha Davis, Secretary/Treasurer
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