

**Renovo Borough Council**  
**128 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Renovo, PA 17764**  
**June 29, 2021**

A special 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 Ann Tarantella with the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag. The following Council Members were present; William Fornwalt III, Patricia Rauch, Kristy Serafini-Brooks, J. Simon and Mayor Thomas Tarantella Jr. Also in attendance were Secretary/Treasurer Marsha Davis.

Absent: Rhonda Balchun, David Knauff

**GALLERY-Empty**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Council received bid approval forms from the County for properties in Renovo Borough from the June 1, 2021 repository sale.

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by J. Simon to approve the repository bid of \$1.00 from Renovo Borough for 149 4<sup>th</sup> Street formerly known as the property of Trademark Investments. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by J. Simon and seconded by K. Serafini-Brooks to approve the repository bid of \$502.00 from Jeremy Weaver, Weavers Professional Services Inc. for 215 Champlain Avenue formerly known as the property of James E. Pletcher, Jr. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by W. Fornwalt III to approve the repository bid of \$1000.00 from Stephanie Weir for 150 Pine Street formerly known as the property of David Swope. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

Council received a letter signed by several residents of East Renovo concerning the Recycling Bins that were placed near Memorial Park. These residents deal with constant traffic, some of which are speeding, noise all hours of the day and night, dust, headlights shining in their windows, the smell coming from the dumpsters, people throwing food scraps near the dumpsters that draw in animals and garbage left outside of the dumpsters that blows throughout the neighborhood.

Council was frustrated that no matter where they move the dumpsters there are complaints from the residents. After much discussion they decided the best course of action would be just to remove them entirely since the borough has no other property to move them too. Residents have the choice of doing individual recycling for a small fee from Wayne Township Landfill or using the recycling bins in Chapman Township unless a suitable location can be found in the future.

**A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by J. Simon to remove the recycling bins from East Renovo. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

Council discussed the recent opening of the PennDOT TA Set-Aside Grant. The Borough received a \$40,000 engineering study grant from this program in 2017 for sidewalks and curbs. STV, Inc. the engineering firm that did the study still has a small amount of the grant to use. They may be able to help with the grant application project for sidewalks and curbs. The grant caps at one million dollars so Council discussed what streets they would be able to get done at this time based on the estimates provided by STV, Inc. The Renovo Borough would be responsible for the design cost. Council discussed applying for other grants to cover the design cost.

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by J. Simon to pursue applying for the PennDOT TA Set-Aside Grant for replacing the sidewalks and curbs for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Street. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

Council discussed how to make the building safer for borough employees once the doors are open to the public. The consensus was some sort of window or half door needs to be constructed for the Water Authority office.

The secretary informed Council that Flagger Training will be held at Bald Eagle Township on July 29, 2021 for a small fee. Council would like V. Tarantella, L. Tarr and C. Struble to attend this training.

The secretary informed Council that the Borough has received the Covid Fiscal Recovery Funds in the amount of \$63,063.20. These funds have restricted use and the state recommends opening a separate account to keep track of any disbursements.

**A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by W. Fornwalt III to open a new banking account at First Commonwealth Bank for the Covid Fiscal Recovery Funds in the amount of \$63,063.20. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

The secretary informed Council that two (2) new tires and alignment are needed for the 2004 Chevy truck.

**A motion was made by W. Fornwalt III and seconded by P. Rauch to purchase two (2) new tires for the 2004 Chevy truck and to have it aligned. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**Council went into Executive Session at 7:30 pm for personnel issues.**

**Executive Session ended at 7:55 pm.**

**A motion was made by W. Fornwalt III and seconded by J. Simon to approve and sign the Full and Final Settlement Agreement and General Release between Renovo Borough, Michael Jeffries and the Renovo Borough Police Association. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by K. Serafini-Brooks and seconded by P. Rauch to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 pm. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.**

ATTEST: Marsha Davis, Secretary/Treasurer  
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