

Renovo Borough Council
128 5th Street, Renovo, PA 17764
September 6, 2022

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; David Knauff, Patricia Rauch and John Simon. Also in attendance were Secretary/Treasurer Marsha Davis and Mayor Gene Bruno.

Absent: Rhonda Balchun, William Fornwalt III, Kristy Serafini-Brooks.

A special meeting was held for the purpose of a discussion with Seda-Cog representatives and 14th Street homeowners.

GALLERY

Dawn Pagnotto, Jonathan Pagnotto, Regina Snyder, Heather Bixler, Damian Hand, Teresa Casper, Matt McDonald, Henri Mos, Lynn Lunger, Ryan Mooney, Janean Mace, Karen Mace.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Seda-Cog Representatives Teri Provost, Chief of Community Services and Certified Flood Plain Manager and Geralee Zeigler, Program Analyst for the Flood Resiliency Program introduced themselves to Council and the Gallery. Teri Provost explained to those in attendance that the 14th Street row is in a special flood hazard area. The Renovo Borough's Floodplain Ordinance states that if there is more than 50% damage that the buildings must be elevated above the flood baseline as per the Floodplain Ordinance or be demolished. Since the buildings are structurally damaged and considered one structure the only option is to demolish. Renovo Borough sought out Seda-Cog to help them apply for Hazard Mitigation Grant funding to buy out the 14th Street properties and to fund the demolition of those properties. Seda-Cog submitted a grant on behalf of the Renovo Borough approximately eight (8) months ago. The property buy outs were based on the assessment value of the property times the common level ratio of 1.57%. There is room for negotiation with those figures as well as the property owners request for an appraisal. Ms. Provost explained the voluntary participation program and handed out voluntary participation agreements and other required forms for the homeowners to sign if they would like to participate. PEMA has asked that these forms be included with the grant application.

Jeff Rich, Executive Director of the Clinton County Housing Authority and Keshia Conway, Senior Care Navigator Manager of the Clinton County Housing Coalition spoke to those in attendance that they are there to offer their services in helping to relocate those in need. There is available housing in Renovo and Lock Haven and they will work diligently to get eligibility established and help find a unit for those in need. Ms. Conway also spoke about Covid funding that is still available for renters and those that are homeless. Mr. Rich and Ms. Conway provided contact information for anyone that would like to take advantage of their services.

A motion was made by P. Rauch and seconded by D. Knauff to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 pm. A voice vote was taken, motion passed unanimously.

ATTEST: Marsha Davis, Secretary/Treasurer
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