

**BLIGHTED PROPERTY REVIEW COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 17, 2012**

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The regular meeting of the Blighted Property Review Committee was held on Thursday, May 17, 2012 at 7:30 AM in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building with Chairman William Tarpenning presiding.

Members present were Chuck Hayes, David Hildebrand, John Lewis, Joe Sprentz, and William Tarpenning. Alan Gustafson, Building Code Official; and Cindy Strandburg, Administrative Assistant were also present.

**MINUTES**

Upon motion by Mr. Lewis and second by Mr. Hildebrand, the minutes of the March 22, 2012 meeting were approved as submitted.

**VISITORS**

Thomas Pellegrino – 116-118 Frank Street  
Mark Hurst – 112 Jackson Avenue  
Colin Kyler – WTO reporter

**BUSINESS**

**112 Jackson Avenue (WN 584-7667)** Mr. Gustafson stated that the property is currently owned by Mr. Mark and Kathleen Hurst. The exterior of the structures has not been maintained and it is in a general state of disrepair. The front porch is deteriorated and in need of repair. Several portions of eaves are deteriorated and or missing. The wood surfaces are bare and in need of painting. The siding is deteriorated and in need of replacement. The windows and door frames are not properly trimmed and weather tight. The window sashes and doors are deteriorated and rotting. Several windows are broken or missing. The rear detached garage is partially collapsed after a tree fell on it. There have also been nuisance violations due to the high grass.

Mr. Gustafson further stated that the interior was rendered uninhabitable due to an upstairs fire on May 29, 2011.

Mr. Hurst stated that he has owned the property for 10 years and has had multiple bad renters and he currently does not have the funds available to bring it up to suitable living condition at this time.

Mr. Gustafson stated that there are several code issues that will need to be addressed. The back stairs need to be removed, the structure needs to be secured, the garage will need to be demolished, and the grass will need to be cut on a regular basis.

Mr. Sprentz made the motion made the motion for First Declaration of Blight. The motion was second by Mr. Hayes and carried unanimously among the members present.

In response to Mr. Hurst's question, Mr. Hayes stated that he may want to contact the EOC for possible financial assistance.

**209 Jackson Avenue (WN 584-8514)** Mr. Gustafson stated that the property is owned by Mr. Khalid Hakim who currently lives in NJ. Mr. Gustafson further stated that the property has been vacant since 2004. The exterior of the structure has not been maintained and it is in a general state of disrepair. The rear porch roof is deteriorated and is starting to collapse. The metal roofing material on the main portion of the house is becoming detached and blowing off. Portions of the roof eaves are deteriorated and/or missing. The wood surfaces are bare and in need of painting or covering. Portions of the siding are deteriorated and in need of repair or replacement. The windows and door frames are not properly trimmed and weather tight. The window sashes and doors are deteriorated and rotting.

Mr. Gustafson stated that Mr. Hakim has send letters to the Building Codes office indicating what repairs will be done to the structure, however these have not been completed.

Mr. Lewis made the motion for First Declaration of Blight. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hildebrand and carried unanimously among the members present.

**116-118 Frank Street (WN 573-5956)** Mr. Gustafson stated that his property has had a long standing property nuisance and maintenance issues, however, the property was recent purchased by Mr. Thomas Pellegrino and renovations on the structure have started. Mr. Pellegrino stated that he plans on finishing the exterior of the property by the end of summer and he will continue to work on the interior of the structure throughout the winter.

Mr. Lewis made the motion to table the property for 6 months. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hildebrand and carried unanimously among the members present.

**213-215 East Fifth Avenue (WN 584-7497).** Mr. Gustafson stated that the exterior of this structure has not been maintained and it is in a general state of disrepair. The wood surfaces are bare and in need of painting or siding. The windows and door frames are not properly trimmed and weather tight. The window sashes and doors are deteriorated and rotting. Portions of the siding consist of insulation panels that are deteriorated and falling away from the building. The rear yard contains garbage and miscellaneous debris. Mr. Gustafson stated that he was contacted by a contractor shortly after last meeting who indicated that he was retained by the homeowner to bring the structure up to code, however, the work has not started.

Mr. Sprentz made the motion for Second Declaration of Blight. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lewis and carried unanimously among the members present.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

The Board voted to start meeting on a bi-monthly schedule.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Tarpennig declared the meeting adjourned.