

**BLIGHTED PROPERTY REVIEW COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Blighted Property Review Committee was held on Thursday, October 27, 2011, at 7:30 AM in the Conference Room of the Municipal Building with Chairman William Tarpenning presiding.

Members present were Chuck Hayes, David Hildebrand, Joe Sprentz, William Tarpenning and Jim Zavinski. Mr. Zavinski is temporarily taking the place of Mr. Lewis during his absence from the Committee. Alan Gustafson, Building Code Official was also present.

MINUTES

Upon motion by Mr. Hildebrand and second by Mr. Hayes, the minutes of the July 28, 2011 meeting were approved as submitted.

VISITORS

Colin Kyler – Warren Times reporter

BUSINESS

132 North South Street (WN 587-3628) Mr. Gustafson stated that the property has been unoccupied since March 2010. The exterior of the structure has not been maintained and it is in a general state of poor repair. The yard area and rear shed contains an excessive amount of high grass, brush, garbage, discarded furniture and miscellaneous debris. Mr. Gustafson further stated that the property owner has walked away from the property and it is most likely due to a foreclosure action.

In response to Mr. Zavinski's question, Mr. Gustafson stated that the property is a good candidate for rehabilitation if a responsible buyer would purchase the property as it appears to be in good condition.

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

1034 Spring Street (WN 574-7262) Mr. Gustafson stated that the property has had numerous property nuisance and maintenance code violations since 1999. It has been unoccupied since 9/2009. The exterior of the structure has not been maintained and it is in a general state of poor repair. There are several broken and/or missing windows. Mr. Gustafson further stated that there was an electrical fire there several weeks ago, however, there is no electricity running to the structure, thus, the power company has disconnected the lines connected to the house. Mr. Gustafson stated that the homeowner did make contact with the City offices and he indicated that he does anticipate making the repairs.

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

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Gustafson stated that the Redevelopment Authority purchased 211 ½ Connecticut Avenue, 103 Buchanan Street, and 11 Locust Street at the September Judicial Sale. The RDA is currently seeking qualified demolition contractors for the demolition of 11 Locust Street and 103 Buchanan Street. The RDA has a prospective buyer interested in 211 ½ Connecticut Avenue, however, if this does not happen, then they will include this property in with the other two demolitions.

NEXT MEETING

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday the next meeting will be on Thursday, December 1, 2011 at 7:30 AM.

ADJOURNMENT

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