

**BLIGHTED PROPERTY REVIEW COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 15, 2024**

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The regular meeting of the Blighted Property Review Committee (BPRC) was held on Thursday, February 15th, 2024, at 11:30 AM in Council Chambers of the City of Warren Municipal Building, 318 W. Third Avenue, Warren, PA.

**ROLL CALL**

Chair Ray Pring called the meeting to order. Members present included Fire Chief Dave Krogler, Vice Chair Denise Whipp, and members Maurice Cashman, and Douglas Hearn. Also present, Randall Rossey, Director of Codes and Planning; Scott Taylor, Code Enforcement Officer; Jessica Trumbull, Codes and Recording Secretary.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS**

No visitors were present.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Upon a motion by Mr. Hearn and a second by Mrs. Whipp, the agenda for the Thursday, February 15th, 2024, meeting was approved, with those in attendance also in favor.

**MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA AND STATEMENT OF PURPOSE FOR THE AMENDMENT**

Agenda stands as presented.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon a motion by Mrs. Whipp and a second by Chief Krogler, the minutes from the January 18th, 2024 meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence to come before the Committee.

**CONSIDERATION OF 1<sup>st</sup> DECLARATION OF BLIGHT**

**509 Prospect Street-** Mr. Taylor reports that the owner of this home is no longer occupying the home and is currently in a care facility. Although Mr. Taylor has been in contact with the care facility and their attorney, nothing has been done to abate the violations in over a year. The home has further deteriorated with nothing being done due to a hole in the roof. There are also a few automobiles that are inoperable on the property and in the driveway along with clutter and overgrown vegetation. A motion to declare first blight was made by Mr. Cashman with a second by Mr. Hearn. All present were in favor.

**2<sup>nd</sup> DECLARATION OF BLIGHT**

**9 Nesmith Street-** Mr. Taylor stated that although the property maintenance company has cleaned up the outside of the house, nothing has been done as far as repairs to the home and this home has seriously deteriorated. He further states that this property has been passed around from agency to agency without any abatement. Mr. Taylor reports that he provided the names of contractors to several mortgage brokers with the result being 2 of the contractors walked away and the 3<sup>rd</sup> contractor put in a quote for demolition. He further states that there are no utilities turned on at the residence and with water coming through the roof, the walls and floors are heaving and rotting. House is currently listed for sale. A motion to declare 2<sup>nd</sup> declaration of blight was made by Chief Krogler with a second by Mr. Cashman. Motion passed unanimously.

### **UPDATE FROM PC/RDA**

**820 Carbon Place** - Owner appeared before RDA on zoom with nothing new to report. There is still no heat source, the inside of the home needs walls and flooring, and the owner has not resolved the access to the home issues. The owner states that he may soon have an offer to sell the home to the neighbor.

**1024 Spring Street** - New owner moving forward with his plans. Outside has been cleaned up, all utilities are on, and permits have been obtained to correct the structural issues.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None at the present time.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Sunshine Law Update-

Mr. Rossey explained the updates to the Sunshine Law which included the following amendments to the agenda:

- 1) Emergency within 24 hours of the meeting
- 2) Urgent matters within 24 hours of the meeting
- 3) Resident or taxpayer concerns not on the current agenda can be addressed by a vote or tabled until the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held Thursday March 21st, 2024, at 11:30 a.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With there being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned upon a motion by Mr. Cashman and seconded by Chief Krogler. All present were in favor.

Minutes prepared by Jessica Trumbull