

**BLIGHTED PROPERTY REVIEW COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
February 20th, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Blighted Property Review Committee (BPRC) was held on Thursday, February 20th, 2025, at 11:30 AM in the Council Chambers of the City of Warren Municipal Building, 318 W. Third Avenue, Warren, PA.

ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Denise Whip called the meeting to order. Members present included Fire Chief Dave Krogler, Maurice Cashman, and Douglas Hearn. Chairman Ray Pring was excused. Also present, Randall Rossey, Director of Codes and Planning; Scott Taylor, Zoning and Ordinance Enforcement Officer, Mike Holtz, City and DPW Manager and Jessica Trumbull, Codes and Recording Secretary.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS

Carl Devielger- 1509 Pennsylvania Avenue W

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mr. Cashman and a second by Chief Krogler, the agenda for the Thursday, February 20th, 2025, meeting was approved, with those in attendance also in favor.

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

The agenda stands as presented upon a motion by Mr. Cashman with a second by Chief Krogler. All present in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mr. Cashman and a second by Mr. Hearn, the minutes from the January 16th, 2025, meeting were unanimously approved.

CORRESPONDENCE There was no correspondence to come before the Committee.

CONSIDERATION OF FIRST DECLARATION OF BLIGHT

1509 Pennsylvania Avenue W- Mr. Taylor reported that this property was brought before the committee and tabled in order for Mr. Devielger to work on clearing some of the clutter in the yard and for him to figure out a timeline of when and how he will be handling the issues this property poses. Mr. Taylor did show that Mr. Devielger has worked to clean the yard up, but it is still unknown what his plan is going forward. Mr. Devielger stated that the hearing that he informed the committee of that was scheduled for January 6th was continued. He also stated that he has been ill and his father has also been very ill. Mr. Devielger told the committee that because of the weather and running his father to appointments he has been unable to devote the time he wanted to in order to get this property taken care of. His plan is to demo the structure. He also stated that the neighbor erected a shed that is over the property line which is going to make demolishing this structure very difficult. A motion for Consideration of First Blight and for Mr. Devielger to return in May, was made by Mr. Cashman, with a second by Mr. Hearn. All present were in favor.

SECOND DECLARATION OF BLIGHT

104 Water Street- Mr. Taylor reported that the property owner has had the electric turned on, the taxes are paid, and the permits have been drawn in order to begin the structural work on the basement and the roof. Mr. Clark was invited to the meeting, but he works outside of the country, so he did not show. Mr. Taylor stated that there have been no updates on this property

since the permits were picked up. A motion for Second Declaration of Blight was made by Chief Krogler with a second by Mr. Cashman. Motion passed unanimously.

UPDATE FROM PC/RDA

None currently

NEW BUSINESS

None currently

OLD BUSINESS

Update 23 Locust Street- Mr. Taylor reported that there have been no changes to this property and no contact from the homeowner. Mr. Taylor said that the basement doors have been installed and there has been no other work that he can see that has been done.

Vacancy Property Registry- Mr. Rossey stated that the committee met with a Representative of the Hera Registry on February 6th, 2025. He went through the program with them and answered all their questions. A discussion ensued weighing the pros and cons of having the system.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

The next meeting will be held Thursday March 20th, 2025, 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 Mr. Hearn. All present were in favor.

Minutes prepared by Jessica Trumbull