

**BLIGHTED PROPERTY REVIEW COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
January 16th, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Blighted Property Review Committee (BPRC) was held on Thursday, January 16th, 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

Kelly Bailey- 1308 Allegheny Avenue

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mr. Cashman and a second by Chief Krogler, the agenda for the Thursday, January 16th, 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 Chief Krogler and a second by Mr. Cashman, the minutes from the December 19th, 2024, meeting were unanimously approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A motion to retain the current officers was made by Mr. Cashman with a second by Chief Krogler, all in attendance were in favor.

Standing Officers are:

Chair: Raymond Pring

Vice Chair: Denise Whip

CORRESPONDENCE There was no correspondence to come before the Committee.

SECOND DECLARATION OF BLIGHT None at the present time.

CONSIDERATION OF FIRST DECLARATION OF BLIGHT

1308 Allegheny Avenue- Mr. Taylor reported that this property was brought to his attention due to the Warren Police Department being called to the property when a neighbor noticed squatters in the home. The home has been secured by padlocks. Mr. Taylor inspected the property and found that the utilities are all turned off, the home is vacant, and there are several property maintenance issues including clutter left by the squatters and it is also 3 years in arrears on property taxes. The owners of the property are deceased. Mr. Bailey states that he is the son of the owners. He also reported that he has 2 sisters that he is not in contact with but did provide their contact information. Mr. Bailey said that he cannot afford to take care of this property, and he would like to sell, or give up the property. Mr. Taylor discussed options with Mr. Bailey. Mr.

Bailey asked if he could take off the new metal roof and he was informed that in doing so he could potentially end up with more violations in the future, especially if the roof leaks into the home and that may also be a deal breaker for a buyer. A motion to bring back the 3 heirs in March of 2025 was made by Mr. Cashman, with a second by Chief Krogler all present were in favor.

UPDATE FROM PC/RDA

None currently

NEW BUSINESS

None currently

OLD BUSINESS

None currently

NEXT REGULAR MEETING:

The next meeting will be held Thursday February 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 Chief Krogler. All present were in favor.

Minutes prepared by Jessica Trumbull