

**BLIGHTED PROPERTY REVIEW COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 16, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Blighted Property Review Committee (BPRC) was held on Thursday, March 16, 2023, 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 Douglas Hearn and Vice-Chair Denise Whipp. Also, present were Randall Rossey, Director of Codes and Planning; Scott Taylor, Zoning & Ordinance Enforcement Official; Jessica Trumbull, Codes Secretary; Kassie Damcott, Recording Secretary.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS

Josh Cotton - representing the Warren Times Observer
Jessi Sollock - owner of 211 Monroe Street

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mr. Hearn and a second by Mrs. Whipp, the agenda for the Thursday, March 16, 2023, meeting was approved, with those in attendance also in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mrs. Whipp and a second by Mr. Hearn, the minutes from the February 16, 2023, meeting were unanimously approved as presented by those present.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to come before the Committee.

CONSIDERATION OF 2ND DECLARATION OF BLIGHT

211 Monroe St - Mr. Taylor reports the gas company was at the property today to restore service. Mr. Taylor notes once the gas service is restored, all utilities will be active and there will not be any further items to remedy. A motion to table this property to the April 2023 meeting was made by Mrs. Whipp, seconded by Mr. Hearn and passed unanimously by those present.

CONSIDERATION OF 1ST DECLARATION OF BLIGHT

820 Carbon Pl - Mr. Taylor reports there has been no progress made at this property since the December 2022 meeting. Demo permits were picked up and paid for in January 2023, but no work has taken place since then. A motion to declare first declaration of blight, with the request that Mr. Arndt attend the May 2023 meeting was made by Mrs. Whipp and seconded by Mr. Hearn. All those present were in favor.

120 Frank St - Mr. Taylor reports this property has been vacant for several years. Mr. Taylor has been in contact with the owner, Peter Faris, whose intent was to get a dumpster this spring and clean up the property. The water service is shut off, while the gas and electric are active. A motion to declare first declaration of blight due to and according to blight statute, was made by Mr. Hearn, seconded by Mrs. Whipp and passed unanimously by those present.

UPDATE FROM PC/RDA

Mr. Taylor reports 710 West Fifth Avenue was purchased by the City and will be transferred to the RDA, therefore the property will not come back before BPRC.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business to discuss at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned upon motion by Mrs. Whipp and seconded by Mr. Hearn.

The next meeting will be held Thursday April 20, 2023, at 11:30 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Kassie Damcott