

BLIGHTED PROPERTY REVIEW COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING *(Corrected 5/16/2024)*
April 18, 2024

The regular meeting of the Blighted Property Review Committee (BPRC) was held on Thursday, April 18th, 2024, at 11:30 AM in the 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 Douglas Hearn and Maurice Cashman. Also present, Randall Rossey, Director of Codes and Planning; Scott Taylor, Code Enforcement Officer; Jessica Trumbull, Codes and Recording Secretary.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS

Josh Cotton- Times Observer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mr. Cashman and a second by Chief Krogler, the agenda for the Thursday, April 18th, 2024, meeting was approved, with those in attendance also in favor.

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

A motion for the agenda to stand as presented was made by Mr. Cashman with a second by Mrs. Whip, the motion carried with all present in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mr. Hearn and a second by Mr. Cashman, the minutes from the March 21st, 2024, meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to come before the Committee.

SECOND DECLARATION OF BLIGHT

509 Prospect Street- Mr. Taylor reports that this home still has no utilities and violations have not been abated. However, the owner, who is currently in a care facility, has retained council to help take care of the issues with the property. For example, there were several vehicles that needed to be removed from the property and this has been taken care of. The owner's attorney has been in contact with Director Rossey and Mr. Taylor. Mr. Rossey suggested that this property be tabled for a future meeting to see if any progress has been made. A motion was made by Chief Krogler to table this property until the July meeting with a second by Mr. Cashman, all present were in favor.

CONSIDERATION OF FIRST DECLARATION OF BLIGHT

500 Water Street Apartment 7- Mr. Taylor reports that the utilities have been reinstated, abatement of the interior is ongoing, garbage and outside clutter has also been hauled away. With there being positive forward progress Mr. Taylor requested that this property be removed from the blight process due to all outside issues having been abated and utilities are turned on. Mr. Cashman made a motion to remove this property from the blight process with a second by Mrs. Whip. All present were in favor.

UPDATE FROM PC/RDA

No updates currently.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

OLD BUSINESS

300 Hill Street update- Mr. Taylor reported that this property was removed, the contractor expanded the structure by about 15 feet, and it was completely ~~renovated~~ *rebuilt*. This property was sold at the beginning of April.

7 Madison Avenue update - Mr. Taylor states that this property is moving along. The clutter has been cleaned up, there have been new windows installed, the electricity and interior are being worked on. The owner is keeping in contact with the Codes Department as work continues to progress.

The next meeting will be held Thursday May 16th, 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