

**BLIGHTED PROPERTY REVIEW COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
May 18, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Blighted Property Review Committee (BPRC) was held on Thursday, May 18, 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 Vice-Chair Denise Whipp, Maury Cashman, Douglas Hearn, and Fire Chief Dave Krogler. Also, present were Randall Rossey, Director of Codes and Planning; Scott Taylor, Zoning & Ordinance Enforcement Official; Jessica Trumbull, Codes and Recording Secretary.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS

Josh Cotton - representing the Warren Times Observer
Khalid Hakim - owner of 209 Jackson Avenue
John Arndt – owner of 820 Carbon Place via Zoom

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mr. Hearn and a second by Mr. Krogler, the agenda for the Thursday, May 18, 2023, meeting was approved, with those in attendance also in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mr. Cashman and a second by Mr. Hearn, the minutes from the April 20, 2023, meeting were unanimously approved as presented by all those present.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to come before the Committee.

CONSIDERATION OF 2ND DECLARATION OF BLIGHT

820 Carbon Place - Mr. Taylor reports that there has been some advancement on this property as far as some utilities have been restored, the clutter has been removed and the roof has been repaired. Mr. Arndt says that he has also done considerable work on the inside of the property. Mr. Arndt also states that because the property is landlocked it has hindered his efforts in bringing in materials. Mr. Rossey reported that he and Mr. Taylor have spoken at length with Mr. Arndt about how to proceed in speaking with his neighbors about being able to cross their property to bring in materials, and they have also offered many suggestions as to how to continue finishing this property when Mr. Arndt has asked. Although Mr. Arndt said he has spoken to Mr. Raible a couple of times about using the EOC property as a right of way, nothing has transpired since those conversations. A motion was made to revisit this property in August by Chief Krogler and seconded by Mrs. Whip. The motion was unanimously approved by all those present.

120 Frank Street – Mr. Taylor states that this property now has utilities in place and can be removed from blight status. A motion to remove the declaration of blight was made by Mr. Cashman with a second by Mrs. Whip. All those present were in favor.

8 Morrison – Mr. Taylor reports that this property has been sold to a new owner who will demo the structure. A motion to table this property until July was made by Mrs. Whip and seconded by Mr. Cashman. All present were in favor.

CONSIDERATION OF 1st DECLARATION OF BLIGHT

104 Water Street -. Mr. Taylor stated that there have been some property issues that have been taken care of by the property owner, for example broken and missing windows have been replaced, the immense amount of clutter inside the building has been partially removed, the roof is in good shape and there have been a few structural issues that have been repaired. Mr. Taylor has also spoken with the new architect who is currently working on the drawings. A motion to revisit this property with a request for the finished drawings in August was made by Mr. Cashman and was seconded by Chief Krogler. All those present were in favor.

209 Jackson Avenue - Mr. Taylor reported that there has been a new electric service and new water meter installed on this property. The enclosed room has also been removed. Mr. Hakim, a merchant marine, works on this property when he is in town and will continue to update as he is able. A motion to table this property until the August 2023, meeting was made by Chief Krogler, second by Mrs. Whipp, with all present in favor.

UPDATE FROM PC/RDA

Mr. Rossey states that 2 properties are now moving on to the RDA; 202 N Irvine Avenue and 418 Hazel Street.

OLD BUSINESS

None currently.

The next meeting will be held Thursday June 15th, 2023, at 11:30 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Minutes prepared by Jessica Trumbull