

**BLIGHTED PROPERTY REVIEW COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 19, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Blighted Property Review Committee (BPRC) was held on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 11:30 AM in Council Chambers of the City of Warren Municipal Building, 318 W. Third Avenue, Warren, PA.

ROLL CALL

Chair Raymond Pring Jr. called the meeting to order. Members present included Vice Chair Denise Whipp, Dave Krogler Fire Chief and Doug Hearn. Also present were; Mike Holtz, DPW Director; Scott Taylor, Zoning & Ordinance Enforcement Official; and Kelly Conti, Recording Secretary. Absent from the meeting: Maurice Cashman; Nancy Freenock - City Manager and Randy Rossey – Director of Codes & Planning.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS

Josh Cotton – representing the Warren Times Observer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon a motion by Doug Hearn and a second by Dave Krogler, the agenda for the Thursday, May 19, 2022, meeting was approved, with those in attendance also in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Dave Krogler and a second by Doug Hearn, the minutes of the April 21, 2022, meeting were unanimously approved as presented by those present.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to come before the Committee.

CONSIDERATION OF 1ST DECLARATION OF BLIGHT

516 Prospect Street – All of the utilities are now turned on and the property maintenance issues have been abated. All committee members were in favor of removing this property from the Consideration of 1st Blight list.

209 Jackson Ave – There are still no utilities turned on at this property. The property owner is a Merchant Marine, currently stationed in New Jersey. Mr. Taylor met with him when he was in town to discuss the issues. The owner will be back in the area at the beginning of June to work on addressing the issues. Mr. Pring asked if there were any safety concerns with the property. Mr. Taylor felt the property would be fine for a few more months if the owner addresses the issues in June. On behalf of the Fire Department, Mr. Krogler felt the property could be tabled until the July meeting if the issues were addressed by then. Mr. Pring suggested contacting the City Solicitor to see if there were any special requirements/laws we needed to be aware of for anyone on active duty. Per Mr. Taylor, the owner provided Essential Worker paperwork, but that doesn't apply to property maintenance issues. He also informed the committee that there is a neighbor interested in purchasing the property to tear it down.

PROPERTIES UNDER CONSIDERATION OF 2ND DECLARATION OF BLIGHT

No properties to review this month.

POTENTIAL BLIGHT CANDIDATES

No properties to review this month.

REVIEW OF PROPERTIES YTD:

Mr. Taylor presented the up-to-date list of properties and confirmed the statuses of each.

RDA / PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE:

708 West Fifth Avenue – the RDA was awarded the bid for this property.

OLD BUSINESS

Properties to be reviewed in June:

104 West Third Ave – Mr. Huck still hasn't provided proof that he has submitted the asbestos abatement information to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Air Quality. No permit applications have been received regardless of the fact they couldn't be approved until proof of the above has been provided.

21 Glade Ave - There has been great progress on this property.

104 Water Street – The property owner is trying to obtain a contractor to fix the foundation. He will soon be moving forward with window replacement.

15 North Irvine- This property is currently in a foreclosure process.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

With there being no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting was adjourned upon motion by Mr. Krogler and a second by Ms. Whipp. The motion carrier unanimously.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, June 16, 2022, at 11:30.

Minutes prepared by Kelly Conti