

**BLIGHTED PROPERTY REVIEW COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
June 15, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Blighted Property Review Committee (BPRC) was held on Thursday, June 15, 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, Douglas Hearn, and Fire Chief Dave Krogler. Also present, Mike Holtz, City Manager; Randall Rossey, Director of Codes and Planning; Jessica Trumbull, Codes and Recording Secretary.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS

Josh Cotton - representing the Warren Times Observer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mr. Hearn and a second by Chief Krogler, the agenda for the Thursday, June 15, 2023, meeting was approved, with those in attendance also in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Chief Krogler and a second by Mr. Hearn, the minutes from the May 18, 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

1024 Spring Street - Mr. Rossey reports that this property was sold at the May tax sale and the codes department has been in contact with the new owner. The new owner has since cut the grass around the property and is now waiting on clear ownership before abating all other property issues and continuing with his plans. Mr. Taylor, Codes Enforcement Officer, has sent the new owner a copy of the Notice of Violation on the property so that he is aware of the issues of concern. He will also be invited to attend the July RDA meeting for an update on his plans. No action is needed by the BPRC currently.

325 Prospect Street – Mr. Rossey states that this property has been purchased by the RDA and they currently have an interested party to purchase after a walk through is performed to get a clearer picture of the condition of the property. If the interested party feels that the property is not in the condition to be rehabilitated the RDA will consider taking action to have it demolished. No action is needed by the BPRC, at this time.

CONSIDERATION OF 1ST DECLARATION OF BLIGHT

128 Water Street - Mr. Rossey states that there are several property issues including high grass as well as needing a new roof and windows. The new owner took ownership in December of 2022, and was in contact with the Codes Department about his plans but has since refused any communication since ownership was established. Mr. Rossey also reports that the inside of the property is also full of clutter from the previous owner. Mr. Rossey invited him to attend this meeting, he did not show. Motion for First Declaration of Blight was made by Chief Krogler with a second by Mr. Hearn with an invitation to attend the meeting in August 2023. All those present were in favor.

206 North Irvine - Mr. Rossey reported that there has been no contact with the property owner since the spring/summer of 2022. Since that time the electricity has been shut off and the gas meter removed. There are foundation issues, siding missing, peeling paint and a fading tarp covering part of the roof. An attempt to contact the property owner was made in Spring of 2023 with no return communication and she was also invited to today's meeting. A motion for First declaration of Blight was made by Mrs. Whip, second by Chief Krogler, with all present in favor pending an invitation to the property owner to attend the meeting in August 2023.

UPDATE FROM PC/RDA

418 Hazel Street Mr. Rossey states that the owner, Mr. O'Donnell, has been invited to the RDA meeting in June.

OLD BUSINESS

1103 Spring Street. Mr. Rossey reports that this property received 2nd Declaration of Blight in the Fall of 2022 but was sold at the May tax sale. The new owner plans to demolish the house to allow for off-street and additional parking for himself.

The next meeting will be held Thursday July 20, 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 Chief Krogler and seconded by Mr. Hearn.

Minutes prepared by Jessica Trumbull