

**BLIGHTED PROPERTY REVIEW COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 21, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Blighted Property Review Committee (BPRC) was held on Thursday, July 21, 2022, 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, Dave Krogler Fire Chief, Maurice Cashman and Doug Hearn. Also present were; Mike Holtz, DPW Director; Scott Taylor, Zoning & Ordinance Enforcement Official; and Kassie Damcott, Recording Secretary. Absent from the meeting: Nancy Freenock - City Manager.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS

Josh Cotton – representing the Warren Times Observer
Bob Huck – Owner of 104 East Third Avenue (East Street School)
John Arndt – Owner of 820 Carbon Place
Jessi Sollock – Owner of 211 Monroe Street

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mr. Krogler and a second by Mr. Hearn, the agenda for the Thursday, July 21, 2022, meeting was approved, with all 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 May 26, 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

820 Carbon Place – Scott Taylor, zoning & ordinance official, reports he has been in contact with the reported owner of the property and he, John Arndt, is here to give an update on the property. Mr. Arndt said that the property should be in his name, as he has signed all documents necessary, although County records do not reflect the change yet. The outdoor rubbish has been mostly removed, a new electric service installed but is waiting to be inspected, and the water service should be on soon as well. Mr. Arndt said he is working on the inside of the property, when he can as he is not a local resident. He hopes to have the property inhabitable by snowfall this year. A motion to table this property to the September meeting was made by Mrs. Whipp, seconded by Mr. Cashman and passed unanimously.

211 Monroe St – Mr. Taylor reports that the electric service, as of July 13th, 2022, is off. Miss Sollock was conferenced via phone call with the Committee to give an update on her property. She reported the electric is on, the water bill has been taken care of and she has an application into LIHEAP to get the gas bill taken care of. Miss Sollock said her father has been helping with the lawn care. The taxes are past due and the property is on the upset sale list for this September's sale. Mrs. Whipp made a motion to table the property until September's meeting. Mr. Cashman seconded the motion. The motion passed, with one opposing vote by Mr. Hearn, by the majority.

CONSIDERATION OF 2nd DECLARATION OF BLIGHT

104 West Third Ave – Mr. Taylor reports a second declaration of blight letter was sent to Mr. Huck, who is present today to report an update on the property. Mr. Huck explained the hurdles he has had to overcome since he began demolition of the property, some of it due to a stop work order from the State. He expects the entire building will be demolished by the end of November, if not sooner. A motion to table the property until the November meeting, with monthly updates from Mr. Taylor in the meantime, was made by Mrs. Whipp and seconded by Mr. Cashman. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

7 Hinkle St – Mr. Rossey reports 7 Hinkle Street property has already received a declaration of second blight from BPRC and the property then went before the Planning Commission. The RDA has since requested Mr. Moats attend a meeting to give them an update on the property.

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 Mr. Cashman. The motion carried unanimously.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, August 18, 2022, at 11:30.

Minutes prepared by Kassie Damcott