

**BLIGHTED PROPERTY REVIEW COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Blighted Property Review Committee (BPRC) was held on Thursday, September 22, 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 and Maurice Cashman. Also present were; Mike Holtz, DPW Director; Scott Taylor, Zoning & Ordinance Enforcement Official; Tanya Uplinger, Codes Secretary and Kassie Damcott, Recording Secretary. Absent from the meeting: Doug Hearn; Nancy Freenock - City Manager.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF VISITORS

Josh Cotton – representing the Warren Times Observer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mr. Cashman and a second by Mr. Krogler, the agenda for the Thursday, September 22, 2022, meeting was approved, with those in attendance also in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon a motion by Mr. Cashman and a second by Mr. Krogler, the minutes from the July 21, 2022, meeting were unanimously approved as presented by those present.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to come before the Committee.

CONSIDERATION OF 2ND DECLARATION OF BLIGHT

1103 Spring Street - Mr. Taylor reports this property was brought before the committee before and was assigned a first declaration of blight, with the mailing for the declaration being returned unclaimed. The owner of the property is deceased and all contact with next of kin has ceased. The property has been posted as condemned and uninhabitable. There is no gas service, the electric is off and there are numerous property maintenance issues present. Due to the impending tax sale, a motion to table the 2nd declaration of blight to the November 2022 meeting was made by Mrs. Whipp and seconded by Mr. Cashman. All those present were in favor.

CONSIDERATION OF 1ST DECLARATION OF BLIGHT

211 Monroe Street - Mr. Taylor reports this property has been before the committee several times over the last three (3) years. During a recent discussion with property owner, Jessi Sollock, she told Mr. Taylor the electric issues have been taken care of and the meter should be on soon. An oversight on the electric inspection from Penelec was the reason it was still off during the last property review. The gas is still not on at the property and will not be until Miss Sollock receives assistance in taking care of the outstanding gas bills. Mr. Taylor called Miss Sollock during the meeting so she could give an update on the property. She reports the electric should be on soon, she is working on the gas bills and she is going to pay the 2019 past due taxes to avoid tax sale. Miss Sollock said she will try to have the gas service restored by January. A motion to declare first declaration of blight for 211 Monroe Street was made by Mr. Krogler, seconded by Mrs. Whipp and all those present were in favor. The property will be brought back in front of the committee in November to see if there is an update on the utility services.

820 Carbon Place - Mr. Taylor reports this property was recently before the committee for consideration of first blight due to the property maintenance issues and the lack of utility services. Mr. Taylor reports all utilities are off to the home, but a new electric service has been installed. Mr. Arndt recently reported to Mr. Taylor he has had health issues that have pushed back his goal of having the home ready to be occupied by this winter but has continued to work on the home as indicated by the rubbish piles consisting of old drywall and other construction materials in the yard. Mr. Taylor reports the property is still listed in Hobson McKown's name and will check with the assessment and records offices at the Courthouse to determine if the proper paperwork has been filed. A motion to table the property to the December 2022 meeting was made by Mrs. Whipp and seconded by Mr. Cashman. All those present were in favor.

UPDATE FROM PLANNING COMMISSION

There was no update available at this time.

OLD 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, October 20th, 2022, at 11:30.

Minutes prepared by Kassie Damcott