Acting as Temporary Chair, the January 20, 2021, Blighted Property Review Committee meeting was called to order by Ryan Procsal. That meeting was held virtually on a GoTo Meeting platform. All members of the Committee were present with the exception of Brian Hydier. Also present was Chuck Garner, Borough solicitor, Charlie Weller and Stephanie Drobins from the Licensing and Inspection Department and Ju dy Memberg. The Committee reorganized, as it was the first meeting of the year. Deb Penrod nominated Kevin Brown as Chairman. There were no other nominations and a unanimous vote thereafter occurred.

Kevin Brown nominated Ryan Procsal as Vice Chairman. There were no other nominations. By unanimous vote Ryan Procsal was appointed Vice Chairman.

Newly appointed Chairman Brown then began the regular meeting of the Committee and welcomed new member, Rebecca Swanson, noting the retirement of longtime member Jerry Nugent.

Ryan Procsal made a motion, seconded by Kevin Brown, to approve the August 19, 2020, Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Charlie Weller briefly reviewed the status of the properties on the agenda. Mr. Weller reported that 520 Beech Street was now code compliant. He also indicated that 645 Walnut Street was almost complete and soon would be code compliant.

He reported that there had been no progress with respect to work at 674 Walnut Street and there had been no progress for any additional work at 450 South Street.

Mr. Weller further indicated that he would review the status of Constable service on properties at 357 Chestnut Street, 418 Cherry Street, and 566 High Street.

There were no further updates regarding 306 N. Evans and 784 Farmington Avenue, although he indicated that it is possible the owner was considering demolishing the structure.

Finally, he reported on the status of citations for 310 York Street, indicating the court had yet to set a hearing date.

**NEW BUSINESS**
Mr. Procsal discussed his idea to increase the details in his monthly report to Borough Council and suggested that the Committee attempt to highlight to Council the most problematic properties that had been on the list the longest. The Committee was supportive of this suggestion.

A discussion ensued led by Deb Penrod regarding the citation process and the involvement and hearing procedures of the Magisterial District Justices. It was noted that many times maximum fines are not ordered and that typically property owners with violations are given significant time to correct the violations.

Chairman Brown made a motion to identify and create a list of properties within a High Street zone in order to try to focus on a specific area to alleviate blight. The motion was seconded by Deb Penrod. The Committee discussed that such an approach would assist Council and or the Land Bank in acquiring these properties. It was noted that properties on High Street would be more visible. The Committee agreed to begin discussion at a subsequent meeting concerning the identification of these properties and those already on the list. The motion carried 4-0.

With no further business and no public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 4:41 p.m.