

**MINUTES
BLIGHTED PROPERTY REVIEW COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 19, 2020**

Acting as the temporary Chair, the February 19, 2020, Blighted Property Review Committee Meeting was called to order by solicitor, Chuck Garner, at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, Pottstown Borough Hall, 100 E. High Street, Pottstown, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. Initially present was Members Brian Hydier, Jerry Nugent, Ryan Procsal and Deb Penrod. Member Kevin Brown arrived at the meeting at 4:36 p.m. Also present was Charlie Weller from the Licensing and Inspections Department, Judy Memberg, and a member of the public, Tom Hylton. The Committee reorganized as it was the first meeting of the calendar year. Deb Penrod nominated Ryan Procsal as Chairman. There were no other nominations and a unanimous vote thereafter occurred.

Brian Hydier nominated Kevin Brown as Vice Chairman. There were no other nominations. By unanimous vote, Kevin Brown was appointed Vice Chairman.

Newly appointed Chairman Procsal then began the regular meeting of the Committee. Brian Hydier made a motion, seconded by Jerry Nugent, to approve the October 16, 2019, Meeting Minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Charlie Weller reported that work and construction efforts along with permits was occurring at 520 Beech Street, 645 Walnut Street, and 674 Walnut Street. Specifically, a property transfer application was submitted for 674 Walnut Street in August of 2019. The Committee decided to reevaluate these properties at a future meeting and no action was taken.

The Violation Notice Letter mailed to the owner of 357 Chestnut Street came back unclaimed. Jerry Nugent made a motion, seconded by Brian Hydier, to authorize constable service on the Violation Notice. The motion carried unanimously.

The Committee learned that the property at 306 N. Evans Street had gone through Sheriff Sale and a new owner purchased the property in November. The Committee was also advised that the property at 450 South Street had been sold and was under a rehabilitation agreement. The Department of Licensing and Inspections believes that the property will be renovated to be owner occupied.

There was no update concerning the status of constable service regarding 418 Cherry Street. The Violation Notice Letter to the property owner at 566 High Street had been unclaimed. Accordingly, a motion was made by Deb Penrod, seconded by Jerry Nugent, to authorize constable service to effectuate service on the owner.

Charlie Weller reported that the property at 784 Farmington Avenue had been sold. Neither the prior or current owner had received a Violation Notice Letter. A motion was made by Deb Penrod, seconded by Jerry Nugent to authorize the Department of Licensing and Inspections to issue the Violation Notice Letter.

Charlie Weller also reported that citations were issued against the owner of 310 N. York Street and was awaiting a hearing date.

NEW BUSINESS

The Committee discussed a number of properties with significant Code violations. Many of the properties have already been resolved and certified as blighted through Committee action from a number of years ago.

The Committee discussed the possibility of holding a bus tour at one of their spring meetings. It was further suggested that the Committee view 1057 South Street (rear) as a new possible blighted property. Chairman Procsal asked the Committee to be prepared to share other potential properties for the next Committee Meeting.

A motion was made by Ryan Procsal, seconded by Kevin Brown, to authorize advertisement of the 2020 meeting dates for the Committee. The Committee agreed that the **third Wednesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. would be an appropriate time for its Members.**

With no further business and no public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 4:57 p.m.