

PUBLIC HEARING

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2022

6:30 P.M.

Roll Call Walt Sackinsky presiding. Board members Ed Snee and Brian Lucot were present. Also in attendance: Karen Fosbaugh, Township Manager; Dennis McDonough, Chief of Police; Irv Firman, Esq., Solicitor; Tom Bonidie, Code Enforcement Officer; and Aaron Laughlin, Director of Public Works.

Purpose of Hearing The purpose of the Public Hearing is to take oral or written testimony on the condition of the following property to determine if the property should again be declared a Public Nuisance by the Board of Supervisors, and further authorizing the demolition of the structure:

Owner(s):

Elizabeth L. and Joseph E. Blanar

Location:

2956 Sebolt Road

South Park, PA 15129

Lot/Block No. 1009-G-4

Testimony **Mr. Bonidie** – Mr. Bonidie stated that on 5/10/2021, the Board of Supervisors declared the subject property a Public Nuisance. On 5/12/2021, certified letters were sent to Joseph and Elizabeth Blanar at each Arizona address that the Code Enforcement Office has on file, notifying them of the Board of Supervisors decision. A signature card was returned on 5/17/2021 with an indecipherable signature. On 2/14/2022, the Board of Supervisors scheduled a public hearing for 3/14/2022, to pursue the demolition process. On 2/17/2022, certified and first class letters were sent to Joseph and Elizabeth Blanar at each Arizona address on file at the Code Enforcement Office. A legal notice was published in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette South Edition on 3/3/2022. On 2/22/2022, a signature card was returned with an indecipherable signature. The Township Administration Lobby was posted on 3/7/2022, notifying the public of the hearing. On 3/10/2022, the subject property was posted with notification of the hearing, and Mr. Bonidie performed a final inspection from Sebolt Road. There was no change in the condition of the structure.

Property Owners – No property owners were present.

Mr. Firman – Mr. Firman had no further comments.

Mr. Snee – Mr. Snee stated that he inspected the property on 2/27/2022, 3/4/2022, and 3/10/2022. He commented that the front porch was in deplorable condition, the gutters and downspouts were disconnected, the rear porch window is broken out, there are various garbage bags on the porch, there is a refrigerator on the outside of the rear porch, the back roof has no gutters and many missing shingles, and all utilities were shut off.

Mr. Lucot – Mr. Lucot stated that he has viewed the property and concurs with Mr. Snee’s inspection report.

Mr. Sackinsky – Mr. Sackinsky also concurred with the former testimonies. He mentioned that the property has gotten worse. He stated that he has viewed the property many times and inspected it twice this past week.

Mrs. Fosbaugh – Mrs. Fosbaugh stated that she conducted inspections on 2/9/2022, 3/1/2022, and 3/14/2022, in accordance with the Code of the Township of South Park, with the address identified as 2956 Sebolt Road. She commented that the results are the same as listed in her prior report dated 5/10/2021, which was submitted for incorporation into the meeting record at that time. Mrs. Fosbaugh added that the only difference appears to be the further collapse of the gutters, due to the weight of ice and snow.

Mr. Firman – Mr. Firman commented that the previous inspection reports will be incorporated into the record for the current hearing.

Chief McDonough – Chief McDonough stated that he inspected the property on 2/17/2022 at 11:00 a.m., 2/25/2022 at 12:00 noon, and 3/14/2022 at 3:00 p.m. He concurs with the reports given by the Township Manager and Supervisors. He added that the property is getting worse.

Close Public Hearing

Motion by Mr. Snee and seconded by Mr. Lucot to close the public hearing. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Snee and seconded by Mr. Lucot to adjourn the public hearing. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

Time: 6:36 p.m.