

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Public Hearing of the Trustees of Sycamore Township Sycamore Township, Hamilton County, Ohio

Tuesday, February 20, 2024, 6:45 p.m.

The public hearing to discuss an unsafe building on the property located at 7853, 7855, 7861 Cincinnati Avenue (AKA 12020 5th Avenue) in Sycamore Township was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Chairman Weidman.

Present for the hearing were Chairman Weidman, Vice Chairman Schwegmann, Trustee Kellums, Law Director Barbieri, Administrator Bickford, Planning & Zoning Assistant Jon Ragan, and Inspector Kevin Clark.

Mr. Ragan reported the building on the property was determined to be unsafe and structurally defective by the Fire Department after a fire damaged it. He said the Board of Trustees passed a resolution on January 23rd authorizing the removal of the structure, and the property owner was notified of this by regular and certified mail as well as a posting on the property itself on January 29th. He said on February 6th, the property owner, Bobby O'Neal, requested a public hearing and expressed that he would like time to remedy the issue.

Mr. Barbieri swore in Mr. Clark and all those who would provide testimony at the hearing.

Mr. Kellums asked about the date of the fire. Mr. Ragan stated it was sometime in 2023 and displayed photos of the condition of the building and property. He pointed out a junk vehicle that is on the property and stated a notice has been sent to the property owner about that as well.

Mr. Barbieri asked questions of Mr. Clark.

Mr. Bobby O'Neal, of 8170 Maywood Drive, addressed the Board. Mr. O'Neal stated his father, who is now deceased, was the owner of the property. Mr. Barbieri and Mr. Weidman asked questions of Mr. O'Neal. Mr. O'Neal stated he was unsure of the process to remedy the issue and was told he needed to obtain a demolition permit.

Ms. Schwegmann asked about the Township's course of action if Mr. O'Neal did not remedy the problem.

Mr. Ragan stated the Planning and Zoning Department had obtained multiple quotes, all in the \$10,000.00 range, to raze the structure. He stated a contractor would be chosen, and once the building was torn down, a lien would be placed on the property for the cost of removing the structure.

Mr. Barbieri and members of the board asked Mr. O'Neal additional questions, and there was a discussion about the time it would take him to have the structure razed and secured in the meantime. Mr. O'Neal agreed the structure was unsafe and unsecure.

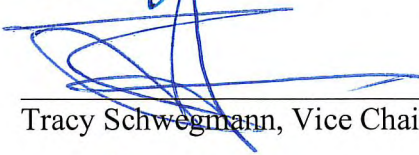
Mr. Weidman instructed Mr. O'Neal to secure the property with fencing within the next few days.

Mr. Kellums stated Mr. O'Neal would have to speak to MSD, Duke Energy, and Greater Cincinnati Waterworks as well as obtain the demolition permit.

Mr. Kellums made a motion to continue the hearing until March 19, 2024, at 6:45 p.m. to allow Mr. O'Neal 30 days to demolish the unsafe structure. Ms. Schwegmann seconded the motion. Mr. Bickford called roll. Vote: All Aye.



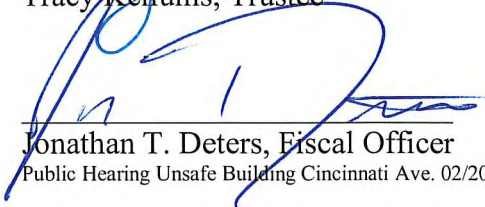
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Tracy Schwegmann, Vice Chairman



Tracy Kellums, Trustee



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