RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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

Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 6:45 p.m.

The continuation of the public hearing from February 20, 2024 to discuss the property owner's progress on the removal, repair or securance of 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 Barbiere, Administrator Bickford, and Planning & Zoning Administrator Jeff Uckotter.

Mr. Uckotter reported at a public hearing on February 20, 2024, that the Board of Trustees gave the property owner, Mr. Bobby O'Neal, until today to remedy the issues on the property. Mr. Uckotter noted that the junk vehicle on the property had been removed. He also pointed out that the property has a history of maintenance issues. He then displayed photos of the current conditions on the property.

Mr. Barbiere stated, for the record, that the hearing was initiated at the February 20th meeting but was continued in progress to see if any progress was made with respect to the property. He stated the owner acknowledged at the last hearing that the property is unsafe and unsecure and made a pledge that he would try to alleviate that situation. He said the purpose of the hearing today was to see if that happened.

Mr. Weidman invited the property owner, Mr. O'Neal, to address the Board. and Mr. Barbiere reminded Mr. O'Neal that he was still under oath.

Mr. Bobby O'Neal, of 8170 Maywood Drive, addressed the Board. Mr. O'Neal stated he applied for the demolition permit but still did not have it and stated the fence must have come down when the vehicle was removed.

Mr. Weidman noted the initial hearing was a month ago and asked when Mr. O'Neal applied for the demolition permit.

Mr. O'Neal answered he applied for it last week, noting he was getting money together for a dumpster. He said he did not want to get a dumpster until after the hearing, pending the Board's decision on whether to allow him more time to demolish the unsafe structure. Mr. O'Neal requested more time.

Ms. Schwegmann noted it was made clear at the last meeting that the building needed to be secured and expressed concerns about how long it took Mr. O'Neal to apply for the demolition permit.

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There was a discussion about cutting off the utilities to the house. Mr. O'Neal stated it was his understanding that was why it would take eight to ten days to obtain the permit. He then spoke about the fence saying he did not know it was down and could fix it.

Mr. Weidman closed the public hearing at 6:55 p.m.

mm Thomas J. Weidman, Chairman

Tracy Schwegmann, Vice Chairman

Tracy Kellums, Trustee

Jonathan T. Deters, Fiscal Officer Public Hearing Unsafe Building Cincinnati Ave. Cont. 03/19/2024