



Minutes

Board of Appeals

Oelwein Community Plaza, 25 West Charles, Oelwein

September 14, 2020 - 4:00 PM

Roll Call Present

Kerns, Cockerham, Miller, Lumbus, Benter

Also Present

Building Official Jay Shekleton, City Administrator Dylan Mulfinger, Mayor Devore

Approve Minutes

1. Consideration of a motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2020 meeting

A motion was made by Lumbus, seconded by Miller to approve the minutes. All voted aye.

Motion Carried

Discussion by Kerns on pursuing the occupants/Warthan to repair the foundation on the dwelling located 320 8th St. SW. Shekleton replied the city is planning on pursuing the new property owners to have the foundation repaired.

Appeals

2. Discussion on 221 4th Street NW

Miller asked if the Eleven Talents was the owner at the time of the fire. Shekleton replied that they were not the owner. Miller stated that the home was Quit Claim Deeded in March of 2020 and a recorded tax sale on 6-19-2017.

Cockerham asked the building official if he thought the home could be saved. Shekleton stated he thought the home could be saved. Eleven Talents will be hiring a structural engineer to assess the structural damage. They will run the dollar amount for the repairs once the structural engineer provided them with the documentation.

Kerns recommended someone make a motion to require documentation from a structural engineer after his evaluation of the property to the board of appeals.

Following additional discussion, a motion was made by Miller, seconded by Benter for the investor to provide proper documentation to the appeals board by Thursday, October 15, 2020. If the structural engineer cannot provide the documentation by the deadline because of workload then the engineer shall provide a letter to the board stating the reason and a new deadline. All voted aye.

Motion Carried

3. Discussion on 408 West Charles

Kerns discussed the option of assessing the cost of removal of the property to the property owner. Shekleton stated he would be having a conversation with the city attorney to see if the taxes could be assessed to other property owned by the same person.

After further discussion Kerns made a motion, seconded by Lumbus to order the prompt demolition, removal and the leveling of the property and direct that all costs associated with the action, including administrative costs, be either assessed against the property or collected from the owner thereof. All voted aye.

Motion Carried

4. Discussion on 544 8th Street SW

Shekleton stated the mortgage holder will not demolish the property until a document is received stating the home shall be demolished.

After further discussion Lumbus made a motion, seconded by Benter to order the prompt demolition, removal and the leveling of the property and direct that all costs associated with the action, including administrative costs, be either assessed against the property or collected from the owner thereof. All voted aye.

Motion Carried

Adjournment

A motion was made by Benter, seconded by Lumbus to adjourn at 4:30. All voted aye.

Motion Carried

Jay Shekleton, Building Official