

## **Abington Township Vacancy Property Review Board**

Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017  
Commencing at 4:00 PM  
Township Building Conference Room

### **A. Start of Meeting:**

In Attendance:

VPRB: Bob Greaves, Lorena Trujillo, Cathy Gauthier

Code Enforcement: Shaun Littlefield

Community Development: Van Strother

Audience: Lora Lehmann

Excused: Mike Narcowich, Jerry Nugent, Toby True, Larry Matteo, John Spiegelman

**B.** Minutes from the June meeting were approved.

**C.** Updates were provided by Shaun Littlefield for 1933 Old York Rd., 490 Tyson Ave./2602 Jenkintown Rd. & 878 Township Line Rd.

- a. 1933 Old York Rd – The old Midas building has been re-painted & outfitted with new garage doors. Other exterior property maintenance issues were also cleared, including the removal of the brush and repaving the driveway. Contractors still at work making necessary repairs.
- b. 490 Tyson Ave/2602 Jenkintown Rd – Driveway has been repaved, fencing has been replaced & old signage has been removed. All of the commercial vehicles have been moved off of the lot. Exterior of the property has been brought into compliance.
- c. 878 Township Line Rd – No changes with the property. Shaun said he would issue citations for any outstanding property maintenance violations.

**D.** The topic of vacant registration fees was discussed. Lora Lehman asked if there are properties that have applied for waivers. Shaun said he had received two waivers to date, one for the Massino properties and one for 1807 Easton Rd. The board had denied the waiver for the Massinos at the time and had approved one for 1807 Easton Rd. Lorena Trujillo asked if waivers are requested for properties going forward if they apply for all fees or if one would be required for each fee due to date. Cathy Gauthier, Bob Greaves and Lorena will work on a mechanism to address this question.

**E.** Cathy asked if Code could look into 1356 Easton Rd & 1376 Easton Rd as there are property maintenance concerns.

**F.** Lora inquired about the residential property at 1952 Huntingdon Rd as the windows are boarded up. This property had caught fire several months ago.

**G.** Shaun gave an update on several properties on the vacancy list. 1400 Easton Rd & 968 Old York Rd were recently added and sent letters to register. 1864 Horace Ave was also discussed. The

property is well maintained; however, they will require a waiver request. Shaun will follow up on all properties that either need to pay the required fees to date or see if such affected properties can apply for waivers.

- H.** The property at 1583 Rothley Ave was discussed due to property maintenance concerns. At one point, the property was utilized as commercial; however, the last commercial use was in 1982. Zoning was approved to re-establish the commercial use in 2000, but the applicant did not move forward to re-convert the use. The building is used as a single family residential dwelling, therefore the Vacancy Board is not taking action on this property at this time.
- I.** Bob put together a power point presentation that he would like to present to the Code Committee next month. The power point would detail the work the Vacancy Review Board has done since being formed. The Code Committee meets in the Township Board Room September 6th with all committee meetings scheduled to start at 7pm. The presentation must be sent to the Code Committee by September 1st.
- J.** Cathy asked if the property at 1829 Davisville Rd could be added to the vacant property list. This property sits across from Papa John's.
- K.** Bob may not be available for the September meeting and will not be available for the October meeting.

The next meeting will be held on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 4:00 pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:59 pm.