



TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

Office of the Township Manager

MEETING NOTES

May 31, 2018 4:06 p.m.

TO: Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager

DATE: MAY 31, 2018

SUBJECT: VPRB MEETING

REFERENCE: VPRB MEETING NOTES

ATTENDEES: BOB GREAVES, CHAIRMAN, COMMISSIONER SPIEGELMAN, COMMISSIONER SCHREIBER, CATHERINE GAUTHIER, SHAUN LITTLEFIELD, LORENA TRUJILLO, TOBY TRUE, MARIA WYRSTA, OFFICE MANAGER, LORA LEHMANN, RESIDENT

SUMMARY: AS FOLLOWS

General Discussion:

Minutes of April 5, 2018 were approved.

A revision/amendment to proposed Ordinance No. 2156 was made as follows: If a waiver is requested for a registration fee, it will be submitted in writing and property owner will also need to have an appraisal done. No fee is due for the registration of a vacant property within the first 45 days; however, a fee of \$500.00 will be due after the first 45 days and that fee is good up to six months. Also, discussed was if the property owner requests another waiver, do they need to have another appraisal done and adding language to proposed ordinance that the Board of Commissioners will provide a "designee" to approve of the waiver and also add "commercially reasonable" to clarify the evaluation method.

Update on vacant properties:

2620 Moreland Road – K-Mart; a meeting with the VPRB and a representative of K-Mart owner will be scheduled. Also, there was question as to whether this property has been marketed and it was noted that there was a waiver requested for registration fee.

878 Township Line Road – Auto Repair Shop; there is someone interested in buying the property outright and converting it back to a gas station and that would require a Zoning Hearing Board

application. Property is up-to-date on registration fees, but citations were issued for property maintenance violations.

1829 Davisville Road – Julius Larocco Trust; registration fees have been paid up-to-date and owner is currently in Italy. It was discussed that if the owner comes back to the area would he be willing to attend Township meetings prior to going back to Italy.

1170-1180 Easton Road- Patane Trust; no registration fees have been paid totaling approximately \$4,000-\$5,000 and discussed was sending a notice to the property owner of what is owed to the Township, and if there is no response within a certain amount of time, Township Solicitor will be contacted about filing a lien against the property.

Waiver Requests:

925 Easton Road; waiver request was granted, and it was suggested inviting the property owner to an EDC meeting.

Massino Properties at 490 Tyson Avenue and 2602 Jenkintown Road; waiver was granted, and a letter will be sent to property owner asking whether an appraisal was done, and if so, it will be requested for the property owner to provide a copy of that report.

Next VPRB Meeting will be held on Thursday, July 12, 2018.

Action Items and Responsibility:

Schedule a meeting with VPRB and owner of K-Mart property.

Invite property owner of 1829 Davisville Road to a meeting with the VPRB.

Send notice to property owner of 1170-1180 Easton Road regarding outstanding registration fees.

Invite property owner of 925 Easton Road to an EDC meeting.

sev