

BOW 2-4-2020

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
WORKS AND SAFETY FOR THE CITY OF ATTICA
February 4th, 2020

The Board of Works and Safety for the City of Attica met, pursuant to Public Notice, on Tuesday, February 4th, 2020, at 4:30 P.M. in the City Council Room.

Present was Board Member, Andy Smart and Chris Gaylor. Also, present, Mayor Duane Roderick, Clerk-Treasurer Joanne Broadwater, and City Attorney Jud Barce.

Minutes from the previous meeting:

Gayler made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 21st, 2020 meeting, Smart seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Citizens petitions:

There were none.

Department Head Reports:

Director of Public Works, Eric Swank, was present, he stated that there is additional work needed at the sewage treatment plant. Items needed are an aluminum catwalk, a canopy, and steps. The estimates are approximately \$20,000.00. Eric stated these projects can be prioritized and don't need to be completed all at once.

Police Chief, Ed Durnil, was present. Chief Durnil stated the armored vehicle is gone it was taken by the Anderson Indiana Police Department.

Attica Fire Chief, Mike Little, was not present.

Building Commissioner, Jeff Pycke, was present, and addressed unsafe building citations along with City Attorney Jud Barce. The following properties were discussed:

- Patrick Runyan appeared – 201 W. Monroe St. The issue discussed is the blind spot to approaching traffic from the south when headed east at the corner of W. Monroe and Union Streets. Attorney Barce asked the property owner if he was applying for a variance or going to change the fence?
Mr. Runyan stated current health issues prevented him from modifying the fence and asked for additional time to correct the issue. The BOW agreed to allow Mr. Runyan until April 30th to modify the fence. Chief Durnil stated that this corner is dangerous until the fence modifications are made.
- Kevin Coffing appeared – 200 West St., Kevin has purchased this property from Gary Reitsma (hasn't recorded the deed yet) and is tearing down the burned house and doesn't feel he is responsible for the \$5000.00 penalty that was issued to Reitsma for failing to comply with City Ordinances. After some discussion, the BOW agreed to give Mr. Coffing until the May 5th BOW meeting to report progress on the tear down, and until the end of June for the complete removal of all debris. If compliant, the \$5000.00 penalty will be waived.
- Clint Moore appeared – 808 S. McDonald St. unsafe building order, the property owner was given 90 days to remove or secure the house. Per the owner, the plans are to repair it. Mr. Moore felt that 90 days is a reasonable amount of time to secure/repair the hole in the foundation. The BOW's agreed that if the repairs were satisfactory to Jeff Pycke,

the Attica Building Commissioner the \$5000.00 penalty would be waived. A review hearing is scheduled for May 5th, 2020 BOW's meeting.

- 201 S. Perry St. – building owner failed to appear. A \$5000.00 penalty was assessed by the City of Attica. The city will seek bids to remove the property and file a lien against the property. Mr. Barce will advertise for bids and check to see if taxes are paid to date and have the \$5000.00 penalty added to the property tax bill.
- 204 W. Yount St. – building owner did not appear, but Mr. Barce indicated that they did not receive the letter to appear. The hearing will be rescheduled. Mr. Barce sent a packet to file for a variance, but they did not file a variance. The issue is the lot size.
- 404 S. Perry St. – building owner did not appear. The house is owned by Zachary and Amy Cooper, who live out of state. The property is being sold on contract to Aaron Smith. Jeff Pycke was sworn in to testify by Attorney Jud Barce. Mr. Pycke testifies that the unsafe building order was served and that he spoke to Zachary Cooper. Mr. Pycke testified that the overhang around the house has deteriorated creating a safety issue. Mr. Cooper stated he will hire a contractor to do the repairs. Gaylor made a motion to extend the time for the repairs until the March 3rd, 2020 BOW meeting for review.
- 430 E. Main St. – Building owner, Kasim Hendrix, did not get served the unsafe building order, but the hearing was published in the newspaper as required (Barce will confirm). Jeff Pycke was called to testify on behalf of the City of Attica. Mr. Pycke testified the structure is unsafe. There are windows open and the building is not secure. The owner was ordered to secure the building by February 4th, 2020. Repairs have not been completed. Mr. Gaylor made a motion to ~~asses~~ ^{assess} a \$5000.00 penalty, the motion was seconded by Mr. Smart, motion passed.

Mike Baird addressed Building Commissioner Jeff Pycke and the Board of Works members regarding property he owns (former China Buffet) downtown, regarding the drainage issues resulting from nearby properties, as well as, the trash, weeds, doors open etc. on the Masonic Lodge.

BOW member Smart stated the Masonic Lodge has unsafe brick with holes into the building, and he believes the building is almost beyond repair. Smart would like the city to send an official notice to the building owner. Brent Mather owns the building and it was decided to ask him to attend the next meeting.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Utility credits were presented, BOW member Gaylor motioned to approve the presented credits and BOW member Smart 2nd, all were in favor motion passed.

Claims:

The claims were presented by Mayor Roderick. Smart made a motion to approve claims. Gayler seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Miscellaneous Business:

None

Smart made a motion to adjourn and Gaylor 2nd, all were in favor, motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Works meeting will be held on Tuesday February 18th, 2020 at 4:30pm.

Approved: 

Attest: 