

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
WORKS AND SAFETY FOR THE CITY OF ATTICA
April 6th, 2021**

The Board of Works and Safety for the City of Attica met, pursuant to Public Notice, on Tuesday, April 6th, 2021, at 5:00 P.M. in the City Council Room.

Present was Board Member, Andy Smart and Chris Gayler, also present, Mayor Duane Roderick, Attorney Mallory Redlin and Clerk-Treasurer Joanne Broadwater.

Citizens petitions:

There were none.

Department Head Reports:

Director of Public Works, Eric Swank was not present.

Acting Police Chief, Kyle Askren had nothing to report.

Attica Fire Chief, Mike Little,

- Stated the new Brush Truck has been ordered from Mike Alsop, and reported the department received a grant to help pay for the truck equipment.
- The city fire siren was not working correctly but has been repaired.

Building Commissioner, Jeff Pycke,

The regular meeting was suspended to conduct Unsafe Building Order review hearings.

- 902 East Main St. – Owner Gerald Hutts, Pycke reported the property is now up to standards. Smart made a motion to dismiss the UBO, Gayler seconded, all were in favor motion passed.
- 907 East Summit St. – Owner Burim Bexheti reported he has been out of town due to a death in the family. Gerald Hutts is the person hired to tear down the house and was waiting until the owners were back in town to start the project. Smart suggested another review hearing scheduled for June 1st, 2021; the board agreed.
- 206 W. Pike St. – John Smith reported this property is not in his name, but he has begun work on the property. Pycke reported Smith's account is accurate. The board scheduled another review hearing for June 1st, 2021.
- 204 W. Pike St. – John Smith reported he owns the property but has not recorded the deed. Attorney Redlin restated the needed repairs to the property, and asked the timeline for repairs to be completed, Smith stated this house was a priority and work would begin quickly. The board set this property for a review hearing on June 1st, 2021.
- 404 S. Perry – Zach and Amy Cooper are the owners. Redlin asked if Pycke has heard from the Coopers, he stated no, but he has driven by the property. Pycke reported a portion of the house has been tore down, Broadwater confirmed what Pycke stated, said she has not seen any other progress on the property. Smart stated he wants to see this property completed by the June 1st meeting; the board agreed. Mallory suggested the Coopers appear for the June 1st meeting via Zoom.

The regular meeting was resumed.

Economic Development Director, Rod Bannon, was not present.

Unfinished Business:

Smart asked about the Beaver property. Redlin stated she has spoke with the Fountain County Commissioners and they are interested in turning over the title of the property to the City of Attica. Redlin explained the process that will take place for this to happen.

New Business:

Utility Credits:

Smart made a motion to approve the utility credits, Gayler seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

Utility Disconnects:

Disconnects were presented, Gayler made a motion to approve the disconnects, Smart seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

Broadwater shared with the board about an upset utility customer. The customer uses a bank bill pay system to pay his utility bill, several months in a row we did not receive his payment on time and late fees were charged to his account. He was very upset by this and refused to pay these fees. He was also belligerent with the clerk staff. This person will end up on the disconnect list if these late fees are not paid. The board had a brief discussion and asked Attorney Redlin to send a letter to this customer regarding his behavior and obligation to pay these fees.

Broadwater showed copies of letters that were mailed out to two utility customers who turned their water back on after it was disconnected. The letters stated this is utility theft and they could be charged. Broadwater reported their meters were locked after this discovery and water was reconnected after their bill plus penalty fees were paid in full.

Miscellaneous Business:

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.

Broadwater asked the board to review and sign the 2021 township fire contracts. Little spoke up and stated we need to increase the cost of fire protection for 2022. The board discussed this and agreed with Little's recommendation of a 5% increase for 2022. This will be presented to the City Council.

There being no further business, Smart made a motion to adjourn, Gayler seconded, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Works meeting will be held on Tuesday April 20th, 2021 at 5:00pm, in person, in the City Council meeting room.

Approved: Don Pham

Attest: Broderwater