

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
WORKS AND SAFETY FOR THE CITY OF ATTICA  
June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020

The Board of Works and Safety for the City of Attica met, pursuant to Public Notice, on Tuesday, June 16th, 2020, at 4:30 P.M. in the City Council Room.

Present was Board Member, Andy Smart and Chris Gaylor. Also, present: Clerk-Treasurer; Joanne Broadwater, and Mayor, Duane Roderick.

**Minutes from the previous meeting:**

Smart made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 meeting. Gaylor seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.

**Citizens petitions:**

NONE

**Department Head Reports:**

Director of Public Works, Eric Swank, reported that the DNR permit was effective for the river front. The city has the river front opened back up and the permit is good for two years.

Next week the trailer at 705 S. Union will be torn down. Only expenses associated with the tear down will be the dumpsters. Estimated cost is \$1500.00.

Swank had nothing further to report.

Police Chief, Ed Durnil, was present. He reported that the motor went out on his vehicle, there is only 35,000 miles on it and is still under warranty. Durnil should get it back shortly.

Officer Lucas Miller is complete with the in-person academy and will complete the remainder of the program online.

Durnil had nothing further to report.

Attica Fire Chief, Mike Little was not present.

Building Commissioner, Jeff Pycke, was present and reported that since the last meeting someone has purchased 430 E. Main street and has begun to work on it.

Pycke stated he has had 5 more complaints of homes in disrepair that he needs to look at. The addresses are below:

204 W. Pike St.

206 W. Pike St.

208 W. Pike St.

1110 N. Perry St.

428 E. Main St. – complaint that it is in poor condition and the add-ons do not meet code.

Pycke had nothing further to report.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Unsafe building hearings were held for the following properties:

- **200 West Street** – Ms. Redlin, city attorney asked if anyone was present for this hearing, a couple affirmed they were affiliated with the property. Redlin asked the status of the property. Pycke stated the owner is tearing down the house by himself and is making progress. The individual in attendance asked, “why am I getting dragged into this I sold the property over a year ago?” Redlin requested the gentleman’s name, he reported Gary Reitsma, Redlin stated the Fountain County Records office records show that Mr. Reitsma is still the owner of the property and we are required to go by the recorder’s records. Redlin asked if Mr. Reitsma recorded a deed, he stated no because of off the stuff going on the courthouse is closed and the new owner refuses to do it. Redlin asked if Mr. Reitsma has the contact information for the person the property was sold to. Reitsma stated the person who bought the property is Kevin Coffing and lives right next door to the property. Redlin asked Pycke if he had contact information for Mr. Coffing, Pycke provided a phone number to Redlin. Redlin asked how much the property was sold for, Reitsma replied \$500.00 and signed a quit claim deed. Redlin suggested that this property be scheduled for another review hearing with the correct owner. The new hearing is scheduled for July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020.
- **404 S. Perry Street** – Redlin asked if anyone was in attendance for this property, there was no response. Redlin asked Pycke what the status on this property is, Pycke replied that nothing has been done. Pycke reported that he spoke with the owner who is selling the house on contract, Zach Cooper, who is waiting on the property to be back in his name then Cooper will hire a contractor to repair the property. Redlin asked in the buyer surrendered the property or if the property went into foreclosure proceedings? Pycke stated he did not know. Redlin stated that if the property is going through foreclosure the process will be on hold because of Governors orders halting all foreclosures at this time and suggested that this property be schedule for another review, Roderick suggested July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Pycke read a text message from Zach Cooper that indicated the property is being surrendered, so the board agreed to review this property at the July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

There were no additional unsafe building order hearings for this meeting, hearings scheduled for July 7<sup>th</sup> are 113 W. Pike St. and will be a full hearing. There will also be a review hearing for 430 E. Main St.

Roderick asked what the status is on the property on canal street, Redlin stated they will follow up on this.

### **New Business:**

Broadwater the Clerk-Treasurer, provided to the board the following Fire Service contracts for the townships that the Attica Fire Departments provides service to:

- 1) Shawnee \$ 9,536.00 to be paid in 2 payments
- 2) Logan \$ 9,536.00 to be paid in 2 payments
- 3) Davis \$ 5,000.00 to be paid in 2 payments

Smart made a motion to approve all three townships, Gayler seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

**Utility Credits:**

The utility credits were presented for approval, Smart made a motion to approve as presented, Gayler seconded the motion, all were in favor, utility credits were approved.

**Claims:**

The claims were presented by Broadwater Smart made a motion to approve claims from June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 through June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 totaling \$ 80,411.66. Smart made a motion to approve claims Gayler seconded. All were in favor, claims were approved.

**Miscellaneous Business:**

Roderick presented quotes for the camera system for the recycling center as well as additional cameras for the City Hall building.

Smart asked about the quality of the cameras. Swank reported that when he sought quotes, he told the vendors that the quality needed to be high enough to read license plates to deter people from illegal dumping at our recycling facility.

Smart made a motion to approve the lowest bid to purchase security cameras from Electric and Moore LLC for \$8265.00, Gayler seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

There being no further business, Smart made a motion to adjourn, all were in favor, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Works meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 5:30 pm.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_



Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

