

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
WORKS AND SAFETY FOR THE CITY OF ATTICA
July 21st, 2020

The Board of Works and Safety for the City of Attica met, pursuant to Public Notice, on Tuesday, July 21st, 2020, at 5:30 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.

Minutes from the previous meeting:

Gayler made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 7th, 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 reported that decorative paving will be here this week to give firm numbers for the cost of repairing Park Ave.

Swank stated 705 South Union has been demolished and all that remains is some scrap metal that he anticipated will be gone in less than a week.

Swank had nothing further to report.

Police Chief, Ed Durnil was on vacation

Attica Fire Chief, Mike Little, reported that he has applied for grants to purchase equipment.

Little had nothing further to report.

Building Commissioner, Jeff Pycke,

Unsafe Building Orders Review: (Regular meeting suspended)

- 200 West St, Mr. Coffing the property owner was present, he has made progress on tearing down the house on the property, approximately half the house remains. Attorney Redlin asked if the board is comfortable with the progress of the removal. The board agreed, Mayor Roderick asked Mr. Coffing when he anticipates the tear down to be complete, Mr. Coffing responded it will be completely gone in 30 days. Redlin suggested a review hearing be set for 9-1-2020. The board agreed.
- 404 S. Perry St., Redlin stated Mr. Pycke has been in contact with the property owner, Zach Cooper, who stated the house has been relinquished back to him by one party but he is waiting on the ex-wife to relinquish her rights on the property. Cooper states he has the roofers ready to start as soon as she signs over her rights. Redlin stated her research indicated, in the buyer's divorce decree the house was awarded to the Mr.

Smith the husband, but there has been some confusion because the property ownership was not handled correctly.

Smart asked if letters could be sent to both contract buyers stating if the property has not been signed over in 30 days the city will levy a \$5000.00 fine? Redlin indicated in the affirmative. Broadwater presented pictures of the property that had been sent to her by neighbors, showing the poor condition of the property.

Smart made a motion that the City of Attica send a letter to the Smith's as well as Mr. Cooper and his wife and their attorney Taylor Powell, stating if this has not been resolved, and the proper paperwork signed the City of Attica will levy a \$5000.00 fine. Gayler seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

Redlin set this property for a review hearing on September 1st, 2020.

Mayor Roderick resumed the regular BOW meeting. Pycke reported he received a complaint about 204 W. Columbia St. Mayor Roderick stated he was delivered a petition signed by all the neighbors stating they want the property cleaned up. Pycke reported he sent the owner a letter regarding the property several years ago, but nothing has been done. Smart asked who owned the property, Pycke stated Gloria Hoffa. Redlin stated we should start the unsafe building order process. Redlin stated that Mr. Pycke needs to send a letter to the owner regarding the repairs that are needed on the property and that the repairs are to be completed by August 30th, with a hearing set for September 1st, 2020.

Mayor Roderick stated he received a complaint about 805 E. Summit St., there is an additional building that was built behind the house several years ago, the fence around the property is unsafe, the reporter stated there is junk metal around the property, and the property owners are operating heavy equipment after 8:30 pm at night. Pycke stated a building permit was applied for but it seems the construction was shoddy. Roderick asked the police to check on the junk and noise issues. Officer Askren reported that another officer checked on the property and did not see any of the junk that had been reported. Officer Askren stated he would check on this property again.

Pycke had nothing further to report.

Unfinished Business:

Community Crossing bids:

Mayor Roderick stated the lowest bid was for \$193,900.50 from Midwest Paving. Smart made a motion to approve Midwest Paving as the contractor for the Community Crossing Grant in the amount of \$193,900.50, Gayler seconded, all were in favor, motion passed.

New Business:

Utility credits were presented, BOW member Smart motioned to approve the presented credits and Gayler 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

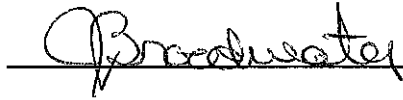
Smart made a motion to adjourn and Gayler 2nd, all were in favor, motion passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next Board of Works meeting will be held on Tuesday August 4th, 2020 at 5:00pm, in person, in the City Council meeting room.

Approved: _____

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Attest: _____

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