

Minutes of the Clay Township Dangerous Building Commission meeting held on Wednesday, August 11, 2004, at the Clay Township Hall, 4710 Pte. Tremble Rd., Algonac, MI.

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Roll Call: Edler, Kot, Miller, Terrien.

Excused: Uschwald, Chairman, Piotrowski, Williams.

Absent: Eder, McKoan.

Also Present: Mike Kras, Building Official

Moved by Kot, supported by Terrien, MOTION CARRIED, to approve the minutes of July 14, 2004. AYES: ALL. NAYS: NONE. Excused: Williams, Uschwald, Piotrowski. Absent: Eder, McKoan.

SHOWCAUSE:

DB-2004-009 HENRY/MARTIN/LESLIE 6330 SWARTOUT (main structure-roof on trailer)

Chairman Miller called Mike Kras as first witness to this case.

Kras: The buildings in question are the shed, that's falling down, and the repair of a roof, which is covered with a blue tarp. We have sent two notices, one on the main structure and one for the garage. This is his show cause hearing, and he can explain what his plans are.

Mr. Henry: I will remove the tarps, and strip the roof, and put a new one on.

Miller: You will need a permit to do that. So pick an application up today before you leave.

Mr. Henry: Ok.

Moved by Kot, supported by Terrien to table Case No. DB-2004-009, HENRY/LESLIE-MARTIN, 6330 SWARTOUT, for thirty (30) days. AYES: ALL. NAYS: NONE. Excused: Williams, Uschwald, Piotrowski. Absent: Eder, McKoan.

DB-2004-10 HENRY/MARTIN/LESLIE 6330 SWARTOUT (GARAGE)

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Miller: Is this your property Mr. Henry?

Mr. Henry: Yes. When you were calling it a garage, I thought you were talking about my neighbor's building. This is a large shed.

Chairman Miller called Mike Kras as first witness to this case.

Kras: There is a hole in the roof.

Miller: You will have both of those done in thirty (30) days?

Mr. Henry: I plan on repairing the roof also.

Miller: You can pull a permit for both, and we will have Mike do an inspection within thirty (30) days.

Moved by Kot, supported by Edler, MOTION CARRIED, to table Case No. 2004-10, 6330 Swartout for thirty days, to allow time for a permit and all repairs. AYES: ALL. NAYS: NONE. Excused: Williams, Uschwald, Piotrowski. Absent: Eder, McKoan.

DB-2004-011 STEVEN GOERLICH 6679 SWARTOUT

Chairman Miller called Mike Kras as first witness to this case.

Kras: This was an old home that was left, after the new house was built, and is now being used as an accessory structure. I saw some kids coming out of there. It appears the doors are left open. The roof is in real bad shape. It's an old house, being used as a storage building.

Mr. Goerlich: I call this my barn. I have boarded the windows up several times. I have live stock, so the door is left open for them. It has a dirt floor. The roof is in need of some more repair, it takes a lot of abuse with all the tree's. It's a solid building, I would be willing to meet with the building inspector and go through it. I have cleaned the property up several times.

Kras: This needs to be maintained properly, it's to be used only as a storage building, not a livable building.

Miller: It's our responsibility as the Dangerous Building Committee, to take a good look at buildings, so that kids can't get in there and party, and hold the township accountable.

Miller: What's your recommendation, Mike?

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Kras: I recommend you table this for sixty (60), and I will meet with Mr. Goerlich to go over the repairs that need to be done.

Moved by Edler, supported by Kot, to table Case No. DB2004-011 for sixty (60) days, in order to meet with Mr. Kras at the property. AYES: ALL. NAYS: NONE. Excused: Williams, Uschwald, Piotrowski. Absent: Eder, McKoan.

DB-2004-012 LOIS M. CROMIE 3708 S CHANNEL DR.

Chairman Miller called Mike Kras as first witness to this case.

Kras: Mrs. Cromie contacted me over a month ago, and is requesting an extension. She has a lot of items inside garage. She has some family matters.

Kot: Did she say she wants to take the building down?

Kras: Yes. She would know more in ninety (90) days.

Miller: Is the building accessible at all?

Kras: No.

Moved by Kot, supported by Edler, MOTION CARRIED, to table Case No. DB-2004-012 for ninety (90) days. AYES: ALL. NAYS: NONE. Excused: Williams, Uschwald, Piotrowski. Absent: Eder, McKoan.

DB-2004-015 THOMAS/SALLY TAYLOR 6880 S CHANNEL DR.

Chairman Miller called Mike Kras as first witness to this case.

Kras: As you can see from the pictures, there are several holes in the porches, and the roof on the house is not in good shape. The gentleman lives in this house. He wants to fix his seawall before he fixes the house. My recommendation is that we have a show cause in sixty days.

Miller: Can he live in the house.

Kras: He doesn't live in that part of the house. It's the porches that are in real bad shape.

Miller: Would the Board of Health have any interest in this case?

Kras: No. If you took off the porches, you could continue to live in it.

Moved by Edler, supported by Terrien, MOTION CARRIED, to have a show cause in sixty (60) days. AYES: ALL. NAYS: NONE. Excused: Williams, Uschwald, Piotrowski. Absent: Eder, McKoan.

DB-2004-016 ROBERT/WILLIAM STACKPOOLE 6750 DICKINSON

Chairman Miller called Mike Kras as first witness to this case.

Kras: Building is falling down, and he is throwing his junk on top of it, creating a junk pile. The building needs to come down, and all the debris cleaned up. I recommend a show cause in sixty (60) days.

Moved by Edler, supported by Terrien, MOTION CARRIED, to have a show cause in sixty (60) days. AYES: ALL. NAYS: NONE. Excused: Williams, Uschwald, Piotrowski. Absent: Eder, McKoan.

UPDATE ON OLD CASES:

DB-2003-012 LEONARDO ALGONAC LLC 2690 PTE. TREMBLE RD.

Chairman Miller called Mike Kras as first witness to this case.

Kras: This is the site of the new Wendy's, all the buildings are gone. I recommend you dismiss this case.

Moved by Kot, supported by Terrien, MOTION CARRIED, to dismiss Case No. DB-2003-012. AYES: ALL. NAYS: NONE. Excused: Williams, Uschwald, Piotrowski. Absent: Eder, McKoan.

DB-2003-013 ALEX DUBOVENKO 7343 EDLANE

Chairman Miller called Mike Kras as first witness to this case.

Kras: That building is down, it was destroyed by fire, it has been cleaned up and brought to rough grade. I recommend you dismiss this case.

Moved by Kot, supported by Edler, MOTION CARRIED, to dismiss Case No. DB-2003-013. AYES: ALL. NAYS: NONE. Excused: Williams, Uschwald, Piotrowski. Absent: Edler, McKoan.

DB-2003-021 PATRICK MARLOW 1803 COLUMBINE

Chairman Miller called Mike Kras as first witness to this case.

Kras: He has the footing done, but he's not moving very fast. I recommend we have it removed. We can write a letter from the dangerous building, asking him to remove the building.

Further discussion on Case No. DB-2003-021.

Kot: Do you want to write a letter telling him we are going to take action in thirty days?

Mike Kras explained how working under a building permit is handled.

Moved by Kot, supported by Edler, MOTION CARRIED, to have Mike Kras write a letter stating that if the building is not put on the foundation within thirty (30) days and brought up to code, the committee will take legal action necessary to have the building removed at the next meeting. AYES: ALL. NAYS: NONE. Excused: Williams, Uschwald, Piotrowski. Absent: Eder, McKoan.

DB-2003-022 FRANCIS TARKOWSKI 7095 S CHANNEL DR.

Chairman Miller called Mike Kras as first witness to this case.

Kras: That boathouse has been removed. I recommend you dismiss this case.

Moved by Kot, supported by Terrien, MOTION CARRIED, to dismiss Case No. DB-2003-022. AYES: ALL. NAYS: NONE. Excused: Williams, Uschwald, Piotrowski. Absent: Eder, McKoan.

DB-2004-003 JOSEPH/GABRIEL DEMARCO 7339 BEALANE

Chairman Miller called Mike Kras as first witness to this case.

Kras: Has taken the building and repaired it to code, which was a garage, and has sided it. I recommend that you dismiss this case.

Moved by Terrien, supported by Kot, MOTION CARRIED, to dismiss Case No. DB-2004-003. AYES: ALL. NAYS: NONE. Excused: Williams, Uschwald, Piotrowski. Absent: Eder, McKoan.

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DB-2004-004 CHARLES LECLAIR 1150 N CHANNEL DR.

Chairman Miller called Mike Kras as first witness to this case.

Kras: Mr. Le Clair has removed the structure, property is at rough grade. I recommend that you dismiss this case.

Moved by Edler, supported by Terrien , MOTION CARRIED, to dismiss Case NO. DB-2004-004. AYES: ALL. NAYS: NONE. Excused: Williams, Uschwald, Piotrowski. Absent: Eder, McKoan.

Discussion on old cases. Solyts, Vigneau, Gabriel.

Moved by Kot, supported by Terrien, MOTION CARRIED, to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 p.m. AYES: ALL. NAYS: NONE. Excused: Williams, Uschwald, Piotrowski. Absent: Eder, McKoan.

Marie A. Johnson
Recording Secretary