

Minutes of the Clay Township Dangerous Building Commission meeting held on Wednesday, June 13, 2007, at the Clay Township Meeting Hall, 4710 Pte. Tremble Rd., Algonac MI.

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

Roll Call: Leonard Uschwald, Mary Kot, David Salvador, Jim Miller, Ted Piotrowski, and Georgia Williams. Excused: Don Drake, Rick Edler, and Jon Manos.

Also Present: Michael J. Kras, Building Official

Motion by Miller supported by Salvador to approve the minutes of May 9, 2007.

AYES: ALL. NAYS: NONE. Excused: Drake, Edler, and Manos.

MOTION CARRIED.

**STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS:**

DB-2007-009            DONALD/CHERYL STEWART            7878 INGLEWOOD

Chairman Uschwald called Mike Kras, Building Official as first witness to this case.

Kras: There was a fire at this address on May 19, 2007 and the house is not habitable. The damage is so excessive that the building will have to be removed. It is all boarded up. I suggest we have a Showcause Hearing in 60 days.

Motion by Miller, supported by Salvador to have a Showcause Hearing for case #DB2007-009 in 60 days.

AYES: ALL. NAYS: NONE. Excused: Drake, Edler, and Manos.

MOTION CARRIED.

DB-2007-010            A. NAWROCKI G/B REVO. LIV TR            2662 COTTAGE LANE

Chairman Uschwald called Mike Kras, Building Official as first witness to this case.

Kras: The boathouse is out of plumb and the foundation is bad. It needs to be straightened and brought into compliance or removed. I recommend we have a Showcause Hearing in 60 days.

Motion by Piotrowski, supported by Willimas to have a Showcause Hearing for case #DB2007-010 in 60 days.

AYES: ALL. NAYS: NONE. Excused: Drake, Edler, and Manos.

MOTION CARRIED.

**UPDATES:**

DB-2004-004            MARY BETH ANDRES            8602 MIDDLE CHANNEL

Chairman Uschwald called Mike Kras, Building Official as first witness to this case.

Kras: I have not been out to this property yet, although I am going out by boat today to another address. I have talked to the gentleman who owns the place next door and he says she has not done anything to this property. I have also talked to Steve Demick from the County Health Department and he said he was requiring her to put a septic field in and she has not done that as yet. She hasn't even applied for a septic permit.

Miller: Was there a hardship problem with this one?

Kras: Yes, before they were saying they were having problems with the family and who was going to do what and so on, but the fact is they are not getting things done like they are supposed to, no matter who is going to do it.

Kot: This case is back from 2004.

Kras: When I talked to the neighbor he said they were over for the first time yesterday to cut the grass and they put the grass clippings in the open septic field. They keep asking for lenience and lenience and they are not doing anything. I am recommending a Finding of Fact and Order of Compliance.

Williams: Do they ever use this cottage?

Kras: I don't know, but they would have to have a septic system first.

Motion by Miller, supported by Williams to perform a Finding of Fact and issue an Order of Compliance for Case #DB2004-004.

AYES: ALL. NAYS: NONE. Excused: Drake, Edler, and Manos.

MOTION CARRIED.

DB-2005-002

LOUIS KOSSUCH

9205 GOOSE BAY

Chairman Uschwald called Mike Kras, Building Official as first witness to this case.

Kras: I recommend that we dismiss this case as this property has been sold and has a new owner. I am going to talk to the new owner and see where she stands with the building on this property and then we will go from there.

Motion by Williams supported by Miller to dismiss case #DB2005-002.

AYES: ALL. NAYS: NONE. Excused: Drake, Edler, and Manos.

MOTION CARRIED.

DB-2006-009

M. WONSOWICZ REV TRUST

2244 NORTH CHANNEL

Chairman Uschwald called Mike Kras, Building Official as first witness to this case.

Kras: They have straightened out this boathouse, put a new deck around it and are still working on it. They have done what we wanted them to do so I recommend dismissing this case.

Motion by Piotrowski, supported by Salvador to dismiss case DB2006-009.

AYES: ALL. NAYS: NONE. Excused: Drake, Edler, and Manos.

MOTION CARRIED.

DB-2007-001

WILLIAM BUNN

9298 STONE RD.

Chairman Uschwald called Mike Kras, Building Official as first witness to this case.

Kras: This fire damaged house has been removed and there has been a permit issued to build a new one. I recommend dismissing this case.

Motion by Kot, supported by Piotrowski to dismiss case #DB2007-001.

AYES: ALL. NAYS: NONE. Excused: Drake, Edler, and Manos.

MOTION CARRIED.

#### **MEMBERS COMMENTS:**

Salvador: There is a houseboat that is sitting on the bottom of the canal – it is completely submerged – Is that a dangerous building?

Kras: Where is it at?

Miller: On Bates Hwy on Harsens Island.

Uschwald: Is it sunk so bad that the floor boards are under water?

Miller: Yes

Kras: Sounds like someone will have to use lift bags and pump it out and it should raise itself.

Members discussed with Mike Kras where the cases stand that they had issued previous Order of Compliances.

Motion by Williams, supported by Kot to send a letter to the Clay Township Board of Trustees regarding the process of Order of Compliances on dangerous building cases issued by the Dangerous Building Commission.

AYES: ALL. NAYS: NONE. Excused: Drake, Edler, and Manos.

MOTION CARRIED.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Kot, supported by Miller to adjourn the meeting at 2:50p.m.  
AYES: ALL. NAYS: NONE. Excused: Drake, Edler, and Manos.  
MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Watson  
Recording Secretary