

Minutes of the Clay Township Dangerous Building Commission meeting held on Wednesday, January 9, 2008, at the Clay Township Meeting Hall, 4710 Pte. Tremble Rd., Algonac MI.

Chairman Uschwald called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Roll Call: Leonard Uschwald, Mary Kot, David Salvador, Jim Miller, Georgia Williams, (Ted Piotrowski resigned-effective January 7, 2008).

Excused: Don Drake, Rick Edler, and Jon Manos.

Also Present: Michael J. Kras, Building Official

Motion by Kot, supported by Williams to approve the minutes of December 12, 2007

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Chairman Uschwald: We are going to take the case where the homeowner is present, so she will not have to wait. Therefore, some of the cases are out of order from the agenda to accommodate the public.

UPDATES:

DB-2006-006

JACK/JULIE HODGE

7186 SOUTH CHANNEL DR.

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

Kras: This was a building that the daughter has taken over (along with her mother) and she was supposed to get some contractors information about refurbishing the house and apparently she is here so I will let her tell you about it.

Ms. Cates: My understanding from the last meeting was that we were supposed to make a determination whether we could repair/restore the building. Have talked to 3 different contractors and a real estate agent and it sounds like it can be restored. I don't have any estimates as they said it would be better to get the estimates in the spring as that is when the work could begin. So that is what I would like to do. Restore the building. I need to jack it up, put in new floors, and repair the roof. Everything else seems to be in tack.

Williams: Have you spoken to the Building Inspector?

Kras: We have not talked, but I would be agreeable to continue our postponement of this case until the spring, until she can get contractors out there. Our goal here is to get it fixed up or removed. I think if she wants to fix it up, it is a building that can be repaired.

Uschwald: Is the building secure? Can anyone walk into it?

Kras: Yes, it is secure. It is closed up.

Uschwald: We heard your case back in September and we thought by now you would have at least an estimate.

Ms. Cates: I have received verbal estimates, not anything in writing as I didn't think we would be able to start any work until March or April depending on the weather.

Williams: By June you should already have the repairs started and permits pulled, so I suggest we table this until June 2008.

Motion by Williams supported by Miller to table case #DB-2006-006 until the June 2008 meeting. AYES: ALL. NAYS: NONE. Excused: Don Drake, Rick Edler, and Jon Manos. MOTION CARRIED.

Kras: We will also send her a reminder letter in March.

STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS:

DB-2008-001 CHESTER/RONALD ROHN 6310 BENOIT ROAD

Chairman Uschwald called Mike Kras, Building Official as first witness to this case for the main structure.

Kras: As you can see, it is a burned out building. I am going to request we have a Showcause Hearing in 60 days, but I can tell you that we already have issued a demolition permit for the tear down of this structure and the accessory structure. It is not being done by a contractor. The homeowner has taken it upon himself to start the removal of these buildings.

Williams: When was the fire?

Kras: December 4th. The accessory structure is also in bad shape. The whole inside of the roof was engulfed with fire.

Miller: David and I were out there today and they already have a dumpster and working on tearing it down.

Motion by Kot, supported by Miller to have a Showcause Hearing on Case #DB-2008-001 in 60 days. AYES: ALL. NAYS: NONE. Excused: Don Drake, Rick Edler, and Jon Manos. MOTION CARRIED.

DB-2008-002 CHESTER/RONALD ROHN 6310 BENOIT ROAD

Chairman Uschwald called Mike Kras, Building Official as first witness to this case on the accessory structure.

Kras: The pictures show this building as the same kind of damage as in the previous case. This is same address.

Motion by Williams, supported by Salvador to have a Showcause Hearing on Case #DB2008-002 in 60 days. AYES: ALL. NAYS: NONE. Excused: Don Drake, Rick Edler, and Jon Manos.
MOTION CARRIED.

UPDATES:

DB-2006-015 GERALD ZAMBOROWSKI 9652 ISLAND DRIVE

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

Kras: Mr. Zamborowski owns that property, but the only reason I kept this case on Dangerous Building is because of that truck that is there.

Williams: Is the truck still there?

Kras: Yes, it is still there. Mr. Zamborowski phoned the office the other day and stated he was going over to the property and tell his tenants they have to remove the truck. Basically, Mr. Zamborowski has been working with us pretty good to get his tenant to clean the property up and move the truck and if the tenant doesn't, I will have to issue the tenant a Civil Infraction ticket.

Miller: We were hoping he could fix the building up some more. It is a real eyesore.

Kras: If you want to keep it on as a dangerous building, I can tell him he has to paint it. But he won't be able to do that until the summer anyway.

Motion by Kot, supported by Miller to table Case #DB2006-015 until May 2008.
AYES: ALL. NAYS: NONE. Excused: Don Drake, Rick Edler, and Jon Manos.
MOTION CARRIED.

MEMBERS COMMENTS: Discussion on several pending cases and status of those cases. Also gave addresses to Mike Kras for future dangerous building cases.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Miller, supported by Williams to adjourn the meeting at 2:45 pm. AYES: ALL. NAYS: NONE. Excused: Don Drake, Rick Edler, and Jon Manos.
MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Watson
Recording Secretary