

Minutes of the Clay Township Dangerous Building Commission meeting held on Wednesday, March 12, 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, Jim Miller, David Salvador, Georgia Williams
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 February 13, 2008.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

SHOWCAUSE:

DB-2007-018 MARGARET F. JOHN TRUST 9368 SOUTH CHANNEL

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

Kras: This building is down so this case can be dismissed.

Motion by Williams, supported by Salvador to dismiss case #DB-2007-018.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

DB-2007-019 TIMOTHY/NANCY GOURLAY 8600 ANCHOR BAY DR.

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

Kras: We have not heard from the owners regarding this case and I am not sure they received the certified letter as we did not receive back the return receipt. My recommendation is to proceed along the same lines as usual. We will get a title search done and in the meantime we will do a little investigating to find out what happened to the certified letter.

Kot: Are you going to make another attempt to contact them?

Kras: Yes.

Motion by Kot supported by Miller to proceed with a title search on case #DB-2007-019 and table this case for 60 days.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS:

DB-2008-005 S. HANSEN & K. GRENADIER 8507 SOUTH CHANNEL

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

Kras: I recommend that we have a Showcause hearing in 60 days. I did have some contact on this as one of the lady's attorney wanted to know exactly what we were doing with it and he was told they would have the opportunity to have a Showcause hearing in 60 days.

Miller: David and I were out there and nothing has been done.

Salvador: There is also a for sale sign on the property.

Kras: That is good, but also the fact is that the building is still in despair.

Motion by Miller supported by Salvador to have a Showcause hearing on case #DB-2008-005 in 60 days.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

DB-2008-006 MARY FARVER TRUST 9469 NOOK ROAD

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

Kras: As you can see by the pictures, these are the buildings that are in pretty bad shape at this address. The snow seems to have damaged them even more. I recommend that we have a Showcause hearing in 60 days.

Miller: Can any of these buildings be boarded up?

Kras: No, I don't think so.

Motion by Miller supported by Williams to have a Showcause hearing on case #DB-2008-006 in 60 days.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

UPDATES:

DB-2006-010 ANTHONY NAWROCKI G/B REV LVT 2662 COTTAGE LANE

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

Kras: Mr. Nawrocki called our office and told us that Larry Havens was going to still repair the boathouse, although Mr. Havens is no longer in business. I am assuming that he meant Mr. Weaver who took over his business. They were supposed to do the work when the ice was out there and he says that it will be finished by March 31st. I recommend that we give him a 30 day extension.

Motion by Kot supported by Williams to table case #DB-2006-010 for 30 days.
AYES: ALL. NAYS: NONE. Excused: Don Drake, Rick Edler, and Jon Manos.
MOTION CARRIED.

DB-2006-012 MELISSA FAIRCLOTH 7313 BEALANE

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

Mary Kot read the letter to the Board that was received March 12, 2008 from Melissa Faircloth.

Kras: I have to say that although progress has been slow on that house, they have worked on it. They have cleaned up a lot on the outside. I don't think they can do any of the inside work because it is going to require a contractor. The fact is they have been keeping in touch all the way along.

Kot: She says in her letter that she plans to tear it down after the land contract gets paid, but we don't know how long that is.

Miller: Does this have to be a tear down?

Kras: No, it doesn't have to be a tear down, but it does have to be repaired. It was in pretty bad shape when we first started on this. I have only been in it once and I don't know if it is livable.

Miller: Can we write her a letter?

Kras: Yes, we can and ask her how long the land contract is or ask her to appear to answer all your questions.

Uschwald: I think it is best that we call her in although it might be inconvenient for her according to her letter, but we have questions that we need answered. So we can see how far we can go with this case.

Williams: Why make this lady come in, when we can send her a letter and ask her to respond to our questions.

Kras: Yes, we can do that. Write down your questions and we will send her a letter and ask her to respond in a certain amount of time.

Motion by Williams supported by Miller that we gather our questions, give them to Mike, have Mike write the homeowner a letter including our questions and table case #DB2006-012 for 60 days.

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

DB-2006-013 CONSTANCE/ROBERT KASPARK 10535 ST. JOHN DR.

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

Kras: We received a letter dated March 12, 2008 faxed to us from Robert Kaspark, asking me to send him a list of contractors, so the building can be demoed and I will do that.

Motion by Kot supported by Salvador to table case #DB-2006-013 for 60 days.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

MEMBERS COMMENTS:

Miller: Mike, I have a couple addresses here that I would like you to look at in regards to them being a dangerous building.

Discussion continued amongst all the board members and Mike Kras about various different dangerous buildings in Clay Township and about the status of previous cases.

Motion by Miller supported by Williams to adjourn the meeting @ 3:00 pm.

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Watson
Recording Secretary