

**Bristol Tennessee Better Property Board
Meeting Minutes
January 26, 2017**

Members Present:

Randall Cook
Lonnie Barrett
John Cartwright
Pamela Offield
Wayne Humphrey

Staff/Others Present:

Donnie Branson
Blake Ailor
Danielle Kiser
Christy Justice

Members Not Present

The Bristol Tennessee Better Property Board was called to order at 5:00 p.m. on January 26, 2017. Roll call was performed and a quorum was declared.

Minutes:

Wayne Humphrey made a motion to approve the December 1, 2016 minutes as presented; Randall Cook seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Preliminary Investigations

A. 1102 Hill Street

The property owner, Nancy Willis Reynolds, was not present. The complaint was a fire damaged structure. Taxes were current. Staff reported that since the fire damage to this structure on August 17, 2016, there had been no work to repair the damage. Staff recommended that the Better Property Board hold a public hearing at the February 23, 2017 meeting to discuss the property.

Lonnie Barrett questioned staff if the other side of the duplex was damaged by the fire. Donnie Branson stated that the other side was in good shape and didn't receive any fire damage.

John Cartwright made a motion to hold a public hearing to discuss the property at the February 23, 2017 meeting; Randell Cook seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. 1413 E. State Street

The property owner, Whitney Johnson, was not present. The complaint was a fire damaged structure with junk and debris. Taxes were not current. Staff reported that there was fire damage to this structure several years ago and no work had been done to repair the structure. Staff recommended that the Better Property Board hold a public hearing at the February 23, 2017 meeting to discuss the property.

Wayne Humphrey made a motion to hold a public hearing at the February 23, 2017 meeting; Randall Cook seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing

None

Trash and Debris

None

Old Business

A. 708 Pennsylvania Avenue

The property owner, Richard Ethridge, was not present. Staff reported that the structure had been completely demolished, sewer and water lines had been capped off, and the property received seed and straw. Staff recommended the Better Property Board close the case on this property.

Randall Cook made a motion to close the case on this property; John Cartwright seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously

Progress Report

A. 1406 Anderson Street

The property owner, Jamie Shaffer, was present. The complaint was that the structure was dilapidated. Taxes were current. Staff reported that Mr. Shaffer had made continuous progress on the structural restoration, but a recent site visit indicated that very little progress had been made since the December Better Property Board meeting. Staff recommended that the Better Property Board order staff to take alternative action in regards to this property, unless the Better Property Board would prefer to grant an extension to Mr. Shaffer.

Mr. Shaffer stated that he was making progress, but due to the weather over the last month, he had been struggling with getting the repairs completed. Mr. Shaffer stated he planned to get permits and complete the work soon. Ms. Offield questioned Mr. Shaffer's time frame for completing the work. Mr. Shaffer stated he felt that he could have the outside complete within thirty (30) days.

Wayne Humphrey made a motion for a progress report at the February 23, 2017 meeting; Lonnie Barrett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

B. 912 Anderson Street

The property owners, Gary and Teresa Slagle, were present. The complaint was that the structure was dilapidated, had overgrowth with debris, and inoperable vehicles. Taxes were current. Staff reported that the property owners had made slow progress in the clean-up and restoration of the subject property. Staff concluded that clean-up of the property had been completed and a new roof had been installed on the structure, as well as porch stabilization and demolition of a rear portion of the house. To date, all repairs made on the home had either passed or partially passed all building inspections. Staff recommended that the Better Property Board order the owner of the property to return to the March 23, 2017 meeting for a progress report on the property.

Mr. Slagle stated that progress was being made on the property. Randall Cook made a motion to have a progress report at the April 27, 2017 meeting; John Cartwright seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

C. 3117 Avoca Road

Staff updated the board that the structure had been demolished but the property had not been cleaned up. Staff was taking further action on this item and did not request any action from the board at this meeting.

Future Progress Reports

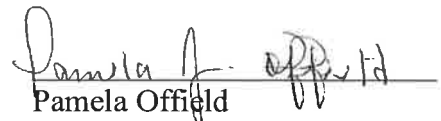
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Other Business

None

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.


Pamela Offield