

LAFAYETTE HEARING AUTHORITY
September 20, 2022

The Lafayette Hearing Authority met on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 9:15 a.m. in the City Council Chambers of Lafayette City Hall. Present were: Gary Henriott and Cindy Murray. Absent: Ron Shriner

Jacque Chosnek, City Attorney, was also present.

Mr. Henriott called the meeting to order.

MINUTES

Mrs. Murray moved for approval of the May 17, 2022 minutes. Mr. Henriott seconded. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Order to Comply and Notice to Appear at Demolition Hearing-1032 Archway Drive, Lafayette Indiana

Mrs. Chosnek stated that the Order to Comply was issued to 1032 Archway Drive Lafayette Indiana and the deeded owner is Donald L. Peeler. The owner was notified of today's hearing by first class mail and a posted notice on the front door of the property. The order to comply is requiring the demolition of a garage that has experienced a fire.

Phil Latshaw, Engineering Inspector, stated that the Engineering Office has been there several times with an info trip being set up last June 2022 with Bob Petillo. Mr. Petillo met the owner's son at the property. The owner's son had expressed interest in rebuilding. Mr. Petillo explained that they would have to have an engineer come to the property to evaluate the structure. Mr. Petillo tried to continue to make contact with the owner after that meeting. Mr. Petillo never heard back from the owner or the son. The property was then given to Mr. Latshaw as a potential unsafe structure. Mr. Latshaw sent letters to the owner to solicit a response, but the owner never made contact. Mr. Latshaw stated that the garage is in bad shape and has severe fire damage with the roof structure collapsed. The wood framing members are severely charred. Mr. Latshaw recommended immediate demolition of the structure to ensure the safety of any persons entering the property. Demolishing the structure will also reduce the risk of a negative affect on property values in the neighborhood. Mrs. Chosnek stated that the owner has until Friday, September 23, 2022 to complete the work themselves. If the owner does not complete the work, the City can proceed with enforcement of the demolition. Mr. Latshaw stated that the owner was in the Engineering Office inquiring about a demolition permit. No permit has been issued to date. Mr. Latshaw stated that the owner is currently in a nursing home and the property is vacant with no electricity. Mr. Henriott moved to affirm the demolition order. Mrs. Murray seconded. Motion Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Time: 9:22 a.m.

Gary Henriott s/s
President Pro-Tem

Minutes prepared by Mindy Miller Riehle, 1st Deputy Clerk

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