CITY OF BURTON
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
JULY 22, 2002, 8:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Special Council Meeting is called to order by Council President Larry Brawner at 8:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brawner, Cross, Bement, Tinnin, Centilli, Wells, Martinbianco

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: J. Major, DPW Director, M. Butzke, Bldg. Inspector, J. Adams, Clerk's Office

THE PRESIDENT READ THE PURPOSE OF THE HEARING:

THIS IS THE TIME FIXED FOR HEARING AND CONSIDERING ANY COMMENTS TO THE DEMOLITION UNDER CONSIDERATION, TO-WIT:

4369 Schubert

PRESENTATION: By the Department of Public Works

Mr. Major stated the notices came back unsigned. The property was posted. The building inspector feels the home can be re-habbed and should be saved. We do have a list of items to bring it up to acceptable standards. We recommend at least 60 days.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Doug Snider said he has lived there for 37 years.

Mr. Brawner asked if he is living there currently.

Mr. Snider responded he is in and out. The house needs a new roof, some plumbing and trees need to be taken out.

Tom Mannor, 7161 Russell, Genesee, MI, said he is the deed holder and they have a notice also, Mr. Snider is difficult to get a hold of. I understand he is delinquent on taxes which was unknown to me. The house does not look too bad from the outside and looks quite similar to the other surrounding homes. I suggested to tear it down and put in a modular home. We are capable of building or repairing the existing home. Mr. Mannor stated further, we do need time, 60 to 90 days.

Brief discussed continued concerning re-habbing the home versus demolition.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Mr. Centilli inquired as to Mr. Snider's comments of living there off and on.

Mr. Snider said he stays with his mother who is ill.

Mr. Centilli asked if there is water.

Mr. Snider replied there is no water, he started to do the plumbing himself but got tied up into working a lot of hours at work. He needs to get some credible contractors to complete it.

Mr. Cross said he sees in the history file there were complaints started in 1994. Junk cars, junk debris, and house appears vacant. There is a constant history since 1994. A building permit was issued in October 1998 to re-roof, but the permit was never finalized. October of 2001, correspondence was sent to tax payer of record regarding demolition program and there was no response.

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Mr. Snider said he went to a credit union to get a loan and could not get it.

Mr. Cross said even if you are working everyday, why would you subject the home and neighborhood to that condition and let it get that far.

Mr. Snider spoke of the hours he works and the need for help.

Mr. Cross said if you are working those kinds of hours, I think you could have put something into the home.

Mr. Brawner asked Mr. Snider when was the last time he spent three nights in a row there.

Mr. Snider said a week ago.

Mr. Brawner said the report says the water has been turned off for 7 years.

Mr. Snider stated he brings water in.

Mr. Cross asked if the furnace was good.

Mr. Snider acknowledged the furnace is good.

Mr. Cross stressed to Mr. Snider that if approved, he is to have the City inspector come out as soon as possible to have the interior inspected and see if it is worth putting money into.

PRESIDENT DECLARES THE HEARING CLOSED:

COUNCIL ACTION:

Cross moved and Bement seconded the following motion:

RESOLUTION: APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE the Standard Resolution for Step V of the Burton City Demolition Procedure, determining said premises to be a public nuisance or hazard and to further require the owner(s) or occupant(s) to:

2.* Alter by repair the structure to Burton City Code with a Building Permit within 60 days, with an occupancy permit, and to have the City Inspector inspect the interior of the home. The Department of Public Works is hereby given the authority to demolish the structure(s) upon failure to comply with the Building Permit or Demolition Permit.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

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