

CITY OF BURTON  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 22, 2002, 8:15 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Special Council Meeting is called to order by Council President Larry Brawner at 8:15 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:

3216 Term St.

PRESENTATION: By the Department of Public Works

Mr. Major indicated the home is re-habitable. We have a new owner of the house that is present this evening.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Patrick Gerow, 3201 Christner, Burton, MI, said he has been in Burton all his life and just bought this house. It took quite awhile to get a title search done. The people that bought the house on a land contract had abandoned it, and the person they bought it from passed away. Then the owner's wife passed away and she left the house to her brother and a friend of the family. It was a hard time getting everything together and finally when it came up for tax sale, they got a hold of me. Mr. Gerow said he paid almost \$7,000 in delinquent taxes and purchased the house. It took several months to do everything we needed to do with the title company. When I got this all completed, I found out the house was on the demolition list. Mr. Gerow spoke further regarding the repairs needed on the home.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION:

Mr. Centilli asked if the water is turned on.

Mr. Gerow said there is a well that is approximately 15 years old. He has tried to prime the well and did get it to prime a little bit. He is having Snider Well Drilling come out to work on it. The house was abandoned for about 4 to 5 years.

Mr. Centilli asked if a permit has been pulled on the house.

Mr. Major responded only to do the re-roof. He does not think at the time Mr. Butzke knew it was on the demolition list.

Mrs. Tinnin asked if he will have to apply for another permit.

Mr. Major said he will need a re-hab permit.

Mr. Brawner asked for DPW recommendations.

Mr. Major replied the standard 60 days.

Mr. Brawner indicated that as long as he is showing progress we are willing to add 30 to 60 days. The last thing we want to do is demo, we would like to see them re-conditioned if possible.

Mr. Wells asked Mr. Gerow when he purchased the house.

Mr. Gerow replied the middle of June and he immediately started rehabbing it.

Mr. Wells asked what his plans are when he finished it.

Mr. Gerow said he is either going to rent the house out, sell or have family live there.

PRESIDENT DECLARES THE HEARING CLOSED:

COUNCIL ACTION:

Cross moved and Tinnin 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. 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 8:28 P.M.

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