

**Town of Cedar Lake – Unsafe
Public Meeting Minutes
December 18, 2013**

Call to Order: 6:35 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present	Diane Cusack Member	Present	David Austgen Town Attorney
Present	Tom Cutsinger Member	Present	Ian Nicolini Town Manager
Present	Greg Parker Member	Present	Jessica Chick Recording Secretary

Public Hearings:

1. #53-13309 Morse St.- Owner: Kwansy, Ronald & Donna (Other Owner: Iroquis Assessment Management, LLC)

This item was continued from the November public hearing, which was previously continued from the August public hearing based on the orders that were issued in June. During the meeting in November, a motion was made and adopted to give the property owner thirty (30) days to clear the trees that were growing out of the foundation of the home, as well as making repairs to the roof that occurred as a result of recent storm activity. The premise was inspected this morning, along with pictures taken of the property. As of 11:00 am, there had been no repairs made to the roof or no removal of any trees had been made on the premises. The property was once again visited at 4:00 pm and no repairs to the roof or no removal of any trees had taken place. The motion was to continue the item to the March hearing, but to require that within thirty (30) days those improvements needed to be made to the property. The property owner had stated on the record that he wasn’t interested in spending money on the property. It does not appear as though the reasonable conditions that had been placed upon the property in order to issue a continuance for the demolition order had been met. Therefore, it would be appropriate for the Unsafe Building Committee to consider affirming their order and sending notice to the owner pursuant to statute to demolish the property.

- (1) Attorney to Review Legal’s: This was a condition at the last meeting that these certain items be done in order to have it continued. These were not met at this time and based upon Mr. Nicolini’s review of the property, the testimony and documents that were submitted at the August 21st, November 20th, and then again today it would be appropriate for the Unsafe Building Department to affirm the June 19th demolition order and adding the average administrative expense along with the order.
- (2) Building Commissioner Comments: The roof has repairs that need to be fixed from the storm. These repairs need to be made for aesthetic reasons and to eliminate any damages to the inside of the house.
- (3) Owner’s Comments: No owner present.
- (4) Commission’s Discussion: The demolition for this premise is valued at less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) and therefore the demolition activities can be taken on by the Public Works Department; if the property owner doesn’t comply with the order.
- (5) Commission’s Decision: Motion made by Tom Cutsinger and seconded by Diane Cusack to affirm the June 19th, 2013 order of demolition at the property located at 13309 Morse Street based upon the Town inspection report and evidence submitted at the August 21st, 2013, November 20th, 2013 and todays Public Hearing; also to add the average administrative expense to the order.

Diane Cusack	Tom Cutsinger	Greg Parker	Vote
YES	YES	YES	3-0

Update Item:

1. 8608 132nd Place

Emergency action had been authorized by the Commission last month; the roof has since been secured as well as the hazard being removed. The building still currently meets the standards for an unsafe premise of Indiana code and will be considered for the 2014 demolition hearings. The immediate emergency has been abated.

The Public Works Department had concluded their eleventh demolition; all of the structures that were on the unsafe order list from August have all been completed.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment: 6:45 P.M.

Diane Cusack

Greg Parker

Tom Cutsinger

Attest: _____
Jessica Chick, Recording Secretary