



CEDAR LAKE UNSAFE PUBLIC MEETING
CEDAR LAKE TOWN HALL, 7408 CONSTITUTION AVENUE, CEDAR LAKE, INDIANA
July 21, 2021, at 6:30 pm

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Richard Sharpe called the regular meeting to order at 6:35 p.m., on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, with its members attending on-site. All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Member Present: Colleen Schieben; Dennis Wilkening, Vice-President; and Richard Sharpe, President. A quorum was attained

Also Present: Ryan Deutmeyer, Town Attorney; Jill Murr, Planning Director; Todd Wilkening, Fire Chief; and Margaret Abernathy, Recording Secretary Pro Tem.

Absent: None

MINUTES:

Mr. Sharpe entertained a motion for the Minutes of the June 16, 2021, Public Meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Schieben and seconded by Mr. Wilkening to approve the Minutes of the June 16, 2021, Public Meeting. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote:

Colleen Schieben	Aye
Denny Wilkening	Aye
Richard Sharpe	Aye

UPDATE ITEMS:

1. 12740 Hilltop -- Burcham

Mr. Sharpe indicated that the next item on the agenda is an update for the property located at 12740 Hilltop.

Mr. Burcham advised that he is in the process of obtaining an equity loan for his house in order to replace the roof.

Mr. Wilkening inquired if the roof was the only problem that is currently making the property unsafe. Mr. Sharpe inquired from Chief Todd Wilkening if the roof was the only issue with the house. Chief Todd Wilkening then advised that there is holes within the siding around the doors and windows, and that there was potential structural issues with the foundation.

Mr. Wilkening inquired on the interior of the house, if there were any issues within the inside of the structure. Chief Todd Wilkening then advised that he had not been on the interior of the structure.

Mr. Wilkening inquired on the potential plans for fixing up the rest of the exterior of the structure after the roof has been fixed. Mr. Burcham advised that the focus would turn to fixing the foundation and would fill the holes in the siding with wood putty before painting the exterior.

Mr. Burcham was advised by Mr. Sharpe that there needed to be progress within the next 30 days before the next meeting, including money, permits, contracts. Mr. Burcham was advised that the next meeting was Wednesday, August 18, 2021.

Mr. Sharpe entertained a motion for Mr. Burcham to show proof of progress in the next thirty days.

A motion was made by Mr. Wilkening that Mr. Burcham was to show proof of progress by the next meeting and seconded by Ms. Schieben. Motion carried unanimously by vote:

Colleen Schieben:	Aye
Denny Wilkening:	Aye
Richard Sharpe:	Aye

2. 14620 Bryan Street -- Frick

Mr. Sharpe announced that the next item on the agenda is an update for the property located at 14620 Bryan Street.

Mr. Frick was advised that the house on the property was in poor condition and would need to come down by Ms. Schieben.

Mr. Frick advised that he was going to be demolishing the house as soon as he was able to obtain a permit. Mr. Frick advised that he cannot currently obtain a permit until the sewer bill is caught up

Ms. Schieben made a motion for the demolition order and that Mr. Frick will need to come back to the next meeting. Mr. Wilkening seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously by vote:

Colleen Schieben:	Aye
Denny Wilkening:	Aye
Richard Sharpe:	Aye

3. 13010 Deodor -- Zaniewski

Mr. Sharpe stated that the next item on the agenda is an update for the property located at 13010 Deodor.

Ms. Murr stated that she has continued to reach out to Mr. Zaniewski via certified mail and telephone and still has not heard back from him.

A motion was made by Ms. Schieben to return to this property at the next meeting and was seconded by Mr. Wilkening. Motion carried unanimously by vote:

Colleen Schieben:	Aye
Denny Wilkening:	Aye
Richard Sharpe:	Aye

4. 7118 West 131st Place -- Green

Mr. Sharpe announced that the next item on the agenda is an update for the property located at 7118 West 131st Place.

Ms. Murr advised that this property has obtained a new owner and they were sent a letter in the mail. Ms. Murr continued to advise that they were unable to make it to this current meeting but hope to be able to make it to the next meeting.

5. 7215 West 128th Place

Mr. Sharpe announced that the next item on the agenda is an update for the property located at 7215 West 128th Place

Chief Todd Wilkening advised that this property is currently livable and does not need to be on the agenda for the Unsafe Building Department. This property is taken off the list as being an unsafe property.

6. 7512 West 128th Lane

Mr. Sharpe stated that the next item on the agenda is an update for the property located at 7512 West 128th Lane

Ms. Murr advised that the report was completed on the property by Chief Todd Wilkening on July 20th, 2021. It has been determined that this building is unsafe, and Ms. Murr will send the property owners a letter to appear at the next meeting.

7. 7020 W 139th Place -- Fire

Mr. Sharpe indicated that the next item on the agenda is an update for the property located at 7020 West 139th Place

Chief Todd Wilkening advised that this property had a fire on March 9, 2019, and that the property is needing to be torn down. There has been difficulty in finding the current property owner. It was disclosed by the previous owner to Chief Todd Wilkening that the current owner left the property as is.

Ms. Schieben made a motion for Town Attorney Ryan Deutmeyer to run the title work on this property to be presented next meeting and Mr. Wilkening seconded. Motion carried unanimously by vote:

Colleen Schieben:	Aye
Denny Wilkening:	Aye
Richard Sharpe:	Aye

POSSIBLE UNSAFE STRUCTURES:

Mr. Sharpe advised that the list of possible unsafe structures includes:

- 1. 7220 West 138th Place**
- 2. 7131 West 137th Place**

Mr. Sharpe requested that Ms. Murr have reports run on these properties to determine if they are unsafe.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The meeting was opened for public comment at this time.

Chief Todd Wilkening advised that the Salesians property will be having a proposal put together in the next 45 days for the town to review to potentially refurbish the property.

Ms. Murr advised that 6425 West 141st Avenue -- Ward property had been forgotten. Ms. Murr advised that the property needs to be taken down. It was advised that if there was a report, that it would be brought up at the next meeting.

Mr. Nick Worley of 7000 W 127th Place advised that the property at 7220 West 138th Place has mold and holes in the building and is not safe to live in and would need to come down. Mr. Nick was advised that Chief Todd Wilkening would be making a report and looking at the property.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Sharpe adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

TOWN OF CEDAR LAKE UNSAFE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Richard Sharpe, President

Denny Wilkening, Vice-President

Colleen Schieben, Member

ATTEST:

Margaret R. Abernathy, Recording Secretary

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- (5) Any additional information required under IC 5-1.5-2-2.5.*

Cedar Lake Unsafe Building Department: Minutes of July 21, 2021

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