

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
LANCASTER COUNTY VACANT PROPERTY REINVESTMENT BOARD  
March 18, 2021**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the members of the Lancaster County Vacant Property Reinvestment Board met Thursday, March 18, 2021 through a zoom platform.

Members of the Board in attendance on the conference call: Robert Heiserman, Chair, Ed Fisher, Rick Martin, Dan Hess, Tom Jones, Joellyn Warren, and Matthew Sternberg.

Others in attendance on the call: Scott Peiffer, Quarryville Borough; Sharon Cino and Dale Dommell, Columbia Borough; and Aimee Tyson, Lancaster County Redevelopment Authority.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:01 a.m. Mr. Heiserman introduced Mr. Tom Jones, the new Board member representing the Lancaster County Planning Commission, taking the place of Mr. Scott Haverstick. Mr. Jones provided some information about himself and noted that he is a Township Supervisor in East Donegal Township.

II. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

III. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the March 16, 2020 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Hess made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Sternberg seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

IV. Hearings - None

V. Correspondence/Communications - There was no correspondence or communications that did not relate to issues elsewhere on the agenda.

VI. Old Business - None

VII. New Business

a. Program Acceptance for 120 North State Street, Quarryville Borough

Ms. Tyson reviewed the slide show concerning the condemned property. She noted that the adjacent property was stuck by a car and is being renovated by the owner. Mr. Scott Peiffer, Borough Manager for Quarryville, explained that the problem has existed for a

decade. He said that Impact Missions did some work on the property but were obliged to step away from the project. He also noted that there is not a working kitchen in the property. There are large delinquencies in the water and sewer bills which is the reason they have been disconnected and the cause of the condemnation. Mr. Peiffer stated that the Borough has spoken to the owner several times over the past decade and is hopeful that she is willing to either address the issues or sell the property.

Mr. Hess made a motion to accept the property into the program; Ms. Warren seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

b. Program Acceptance for 921 Spruce Street, Columbia Borough

Ms. Tyson reviewed the slide show concerning the condemned property. Ms. Sharon Cino and Dale Dommell of Columbia Borough provided information on the current owner who is in prison for the next few months. They stated that the property has been a source of neighborhood complaints due to a lack of care and maintenance of the property. Columbia Borough removed an enormous amount of debris from the rear yard. Ms. Cino and Mr. Dommell also indicated that the property contained an enormous amount of household debris likely due to the 9 people living in the property at the time of the arrest of the owner. The property is secured, and no one is permitted access at this point. There are tax liens on the property. Mr. Dommell clarified that some of the inside windows are broken but the storm windows are intact preventing access to the property.

Mr. Fisher made a motion to accept the property into the program; Mr. Hess seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

VIII. Other Business

Ms. Tyson stated that 521 Locust Street, Columbia, a previous property that was determined to be blighted by the Board, will be released for a Request for Proposals in the coming weeks. Mr. Sternberg noted that the building at 511 Avenue N has been acquired and is planned for demolition as part of a larger residential project in partnership with Habitat for Humanity.

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Warren seconded the motion, and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

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Aimee Tyson, Secretary