COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING 25-21

The Council of the Borough of Plum held a public hearing on Monday, July 26, 2021, at 6 pm at the Plum Borough Municipal Building, 4575 New Texas Road, Plum, PA 15239, to hear testimony on structures that have been declared dangerous by the Borough Engineer. These properties include 9045 Oak Street (1100-B-51), 430 Barking Road (733-N-287), 826 Garlow Boulevard (737-P-26) and 518 Beech Road (852-D-255). The hearing was held pursuant to Plum Borough Ordinance No. 429.

ROLL CALL: Present were Council members: Ryan Delaney, Paul Dern, Dan Hadley, and David Vento. Council members Doyle, Odom and Pastor were absent.

Solicitor Robert Zunich called the hearing to order and explained its purpose. The first property discussed was 9045 Oak Street. Mr. Zunich stated the owners were William J. and Helen J. Bulebosh. Mr. Zunich provided exhibits #1 through 6 to the court reporter. The exhibits included a copy of Ordinance No. 429, a post-gazette publication, general information from Allegheny County, a title search with 43 delinquent liens filed, a letter and photographs.

The court reporter swore in Kevin Fields, Building Inspector and Robert Mitall, Borough Engineer. Both Mr. Fields and Mr. Mitall agreed on the condition of the home and consider it a dangerous structure. Both recommended it be demolished.

With nobody present to represent the owners, motion was made by Mr. Dern, seconded by Mr. Hadley to demolish the property located at 9045 Oak Street. Unanimously approved.

The second property discussed was 826 Garlow Boulevard. The owners are Carl Lippert and Kimberly A. McGill. Mr. Zunich provided exhibits #1 through 6, noting there are 40 real estate tax liens against the property. Mr. Zunich provided the exhibits to the court reporter.

Mr. Fields and Mr. Mitall agreed on the condition of the home and consider it a dangerous structure. Both recommended it be demolished.

Carl Lippert, owner was present and said he had not lived in the home for the past 17 years and just found out about the condition three weeks ago. Mr. Lippert said he would like to contest it; he has made some partial repairs on the roof. Mr. Vento asked Mr. Lippert if he was able to satisfy the liens. Mr. Lippert did not reply.

Motion was made by Mr. Dern, seconded by Mr. Hadley, to demolish the property located at 826 Garlow Boulevard. Unanimously approved. Mr. Zunich stated that Mr. Lippert would receive notification and has 30 days to file an appeal.

The third property discussed was 518 Beech Road. The owner is Carla J. Clark. Mr. Zunich provided exhibits #1-6 to the court reporter. Mr. Zunich said there are 45 real estate tax liens filed against the property.

Mr. Fields and Mr. Mitall agreed on the condition of the home and consider it a dangerous structure. Both recommended it be demolished.

With nobody present to represent the owners, motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Delaney to demolish the property located at 518 Beech Road. Unanimously approved.

The fourth property discussed was 430 Barking Road. The owner Paulette Burgess is deceased. Mr. Zunich provided exhibits #1 - 6 to the court reporter, noting there are 60 tax liens against the property.

Mr. Fields and Mr. Mitall agreed on the condition of the home and consider it a dangerous structure. Both recommended it be demolished.

With nobody present to represent the owners, motion was made by Mr. Dern, seconded by Mr. Hadley to demolish the property located at 430 Barking Road. Unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Mr. Hadley, seconded by Mr. Dern, to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 pm. Unanimously approved.

Maria Gingery

Assistant Borough Secretary