

WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC HEARING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2014

The Public Hearing of Monday, September 29, 2014 was brought to order at 6:30 PM by President Sylvia J. Martinelli. A quorum was present as follows:

Mrs. Martinelli Ms. Criner
Mr. Boyd Mr. Costa Mr. Wells

The purpose of this hearing is to seek public comments on the proposed condemnation of structures located at 608 Stewart Street, 687 Larimer Avenue and 4062 Miller Street. Mr. Hill was asked to testify about these three homes.

Mr. Hill stated that 687 Larimer Avenue is owned by the Jordan family. They suffered several flooding incidents from 2004 through 2009. Following the flood event in June of 2009, they walked away from the dwelling. The County lists this as a two story house, but Mr. Hill believes that it has three full floors of living space, plus a basement. The County lists the date of the building as 1900 with a rating of "poor." It is so close to Larimer Avenue that any age given collapse could cause injury to persons or vehicles.

The house at 4062 Miller street was walked away from a few years ago. The house has peeling paint and has some rotting, deterioration and early collapse issues. The interior has not been seen. Allegheny County indicates that the house was built in 1920 and rates it in "poor" condition.

The house at 608 Stewart Street is in danger of partial collapse, beginning with the roof and down through the second floor ceiling. Depending upon any water weakened strength in the joists supporting the second floor walking surface, and upon any degree of impact upon this floor from the roof above, there could be a potential for collapse of the second floor into the first floor.

Mr. Rushford advised the Board of Commissioners that he had received a telephone call from the attorney representing the owner of 4062 Miller Street. He would be willing to donate that house to the Township. The Board agreed that they will continue the process of condemnation and apply for CDBG Year 41 funding to demolish the structure while at the same time, determining the total tax liability and the interior condition of the property.

There were no public comments.

There were no comments from the Board of Commissioners.

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley
Secretary