WILKINS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC HEARING, MONDAY, AUGUST 13, 2007

A Public Hearing was called on Monday, August 13, 2007, the meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by President . Frank J. Greco. A quorum was present as follows:

Mr. Greco		Mrs. Martinelli
Mr. Wilson	Mr. Padula	Ms. Fialla

The hearing was called for the purpose of taking public testimony relative to property located at 838 Larimer Avenue and 840 Larimer Avenue to determine whether these structures should be declared a public nuisance and be demolished.

Public Comments:

There were no members of the public present. Neither the owner of 838 Larimer Avenue nor the owner of 840 Larimer Avenue were present. The correspondence transmitted to the owners of the property as well as the Township's previous correspondence relative to these two properties is attached to the minutes and made a part thereof.

Township Testimony:

Mr. N. Leonard Hill, Code Official for Wilkins Township spoke on behalf of Wilkins Township in recommending the declaration of public nuisance and the demolition of 838 Larimer Avenue and 840 Larimer Avenue, as follows:

Lot/Block No..: 454-L-193. Address: 840 Larimer Avenue. Owner: Frank A. and Alice Madonna. The main roof is in poor condition. The shingles on the right side of the roof have curled and are loose. The left side of the roof has many shingles that have come loose and are sliding down off of the roof. It is Mr. Hill's belief, based upon information received that water has been entering the house due to the poor condition of the roof. Mr. Hill has not been permitted access into the house. The window frames are rotted and need replaced. The owners of this home abandoned it three years ago due to the cost of upkeep and are now residing on Negley Avenue in Wilkins Township.

Lot/Block No.: 454-L-194. Address: 838 Larimer Avenue. Owner: William James Jr., and Mary Mence. The interior of this property is filthy. There is old furniture, clothing, food containers, cat litter and feces strewn about the interior. The walls are cracking, wall paper, tile and plaster is peeling off of the walls. The exterior is in poor condition. Shingles from the roof are missing, window glazing is broken, insul-brick siding is missing, trim, window frames, etc., are in need of painting. The owners of this property declared bankruptcy several years ago. The mortgage company has not repossessed the home. The owners have vacated and abandoned the premises.

(7-157) MOVED MARTINELLI-FIALLA to adjourn. The hearing was adjourned at 6:50 PM. The motion was adopted by unanimous roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Bradley
Secretary