

RAVENNA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF APRIL 25, 2017

The Ravenna Township Board of Trustees met in a Public Hearing at the Ravenna Township Trustee's Meeting Room, 6115 Spring Street, Ravenna, Ohio, on April 25, 2017. Trustee Hank Gibson called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Roll call showed the following present: Trustees Vince Coia, Pat Artz, and Hank Gibson, Fiscal Officer Gail Pittman, and Zoning Inspector Jim DiPaola. In the audience were Karrie Stroh, Marlana Mullin, and Jerome Norton Sr.

The purpose of the public hearing is to proceed under ORC Section 505.86 for the removal of unsafe structures at the properties of 3437 St. Rt. 59, Ravenna OH 44266, parcel ID: 29-308-20-00-220-000, owner Brian Stroh; and 6941 Beery Rd, Ravenna OH 44266, parcel ID 29-216-00-00-001-003, owners Jerome & Edna Norton.

Jim introduced the background about each of the unsafe structures.

The Beery Rd structure was damaged due to a fire last year. Jerome Norton spoke about the timing situation. The house burned and then winter followed, he wasn't able to get at the property to clean it up. He requested additional time to do the tear down so he could get the refund of the withheld \$30,000 of his settlement. He spoke about his character and his plans to have the property cleaned up by summer's end. The Trustees pushed to establish a project finish date, emphasizing that the release of all funds hinged on getting the whole property cleaned up. Jerome asked if the garage had to be torn down, Jim said yes.

A motion by Pat Artz, seconded by Hank Gibson to allow Mr. Norton time to completely clean his property by July 15, 2017. R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes; and Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion Passed.

The property on St. Rt. 59 was addressed next. Karrie Stroh was present representing her husband, Brian Stroh who is the property owner. Karrie Stroh said all the neighbors were dumping septic on the property and because of the septic disrepair; they cannot get a permit to renovate the property until the septic system is repaired or sewer hook-up. She wants to renovate the property to use for commercial purposes. She stated the building she wants to put on the property does not need sewer or water hook up because it would be a seasonal structure, but yet she wants to hook-up to sewer. The trustees stated she would still need to supply a restroom for employees. Jim emphasized that the house has been in that state of disrepair for a long time, and they have neglected to take any action to fix it or respond until this hearing was set. Karrie said she now has the cash to put into the house. She wanted an extension of time to tap into the sewer. Jim said the store across the street which was also run by Karrie has had a terrible mess around it and hasn't cleaned it up either in the past 2 years, nor has she or Brian responded to any of the notices sent out for either of the properties. Marlana, a renter of Karrie's, spoke in support of the Stroh's. Pat asked Jim for his opinion about granting an extension. Jim said absolutely not, he didn't believe that she or her husband would clean it up and it has been too hard to get any communication from either of them.

RES # 17-054 A motion by Pat Artz, seconded by Vince Coia to demolish the dilapidated structure at 3437 St. Rt. 59, Ravenna, OH, 44266 and add the cost to the tax duplicate in accordance with ORC Section 505.86. R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mrs. Artz, yes; and Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion Passed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Hank Gibson, seconded by Vince Coia to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 pm.
R/C: Mr. Coia, yes; Mr. Gibson, yes. Motion Passed.

ATTEST:

CHAIRMAN

TRUSTEE

FISCAL OFFICER

TRUSTEE