



TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

Office of the Township Manager

MEETING NOTES

January 27, 6:30 p.m.

TO: Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager

DATE: January 27, 2022

SUBJECT: VACANT PROPERTY REVIEW BOARD – VIA ZOOM

ATTENDEES: David Forbes, Michael Schlaghauser, Yoni Hirt, Shaun Littlefield, Commissioner John Spiegelman, Kimberly Hamm, Maria Wyrsta

Residents: Lora Lehmann, Dustin Carpio, Steve (no last name), Lou Grow Miller, Max Dashine

SUMMARY: AS FOLLOWS

General Discussion:

The meeting started with David greeting everyone and allowing the newest member of the Board, Yoni Hirt to introduce himself. The rest of the board then introduced themselves.

The next topic to be discussed was the election of a new VBRB chairperson. David Forbes was nominated by Commissioner Spiegelman and duly elected by the board unanimously.

Site Updates/Strategies:

Messino Properties located at 490 Tyson Ave; 2602, 2608 and 2610 Jenkintown Road.

Due to a backlog of cases and the holidays, Code Enforcement and the Fire Marshall still have not yet been able to schedule a joint formal inspection.

Residents continue to express concern and frustration about the current condition of the Messino properties (i.e., broken glass, poor condition of the pavement, property integrity, and overall appearance) as well as a property located across the street. Both properties were mentioned as becoming attractive nuisances that could create public safety concerns for the residents and their families that live near the properties. They mentioned that the school bus picks up near that location and raised specific concerns about the safety of the children that play in that neighborhood near the properties. Ms. Kimberly Hamm, the Director of Community Development, indicated that she would look to schedule an external inspection as soon as possible.

Action Items and Responsibility:

Review the ordinance to continue to research the Notification of Rehabilitation.

Next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, February 24, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:04 p.m.