



TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

TO: Richard J. Manfredi, Township Manager

DATE: DECEMBER 16, 2021

SUBJECT: VACANT PROPERTY REVIEW BOARD – VIA ZOOM

ATTENDEES: Bob Greaves, Michael Schlaghauser, David Forbes, Shaun Littlefield, Commissioner John Spiegelman,

Residents: Lora Lehmann, David Cloonan

SUMMARY: AS FOLLOWS

General Discussion:

The meeting started with Bob Greaves announcing that he would not be seeking another term. Mr. Greaves has been with the Board since its inception and has served as chairman for approximately the last four years. Commissioner Spiegelman thanked Mr. Greaves for his contribution to the VPRB and his service to the Township.

Site Updates/Strategies:

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

Due to a backlog of cases, Code Enforcement and the Fire Marshall have not yet been able to schedule a joint formal inspection. Shaun Littlefield mentioned that the Fire Marshal's Office has stopped by informally and found the property to be secured.

Residents again expressed concern about the current condition of the Messino properties (i.e., broken glass, poor condition of the pavement, and property integrity) as well as a property located across the street. Residents indicated that the properties have appeared blighted for some time and asked how the VPRB made a blighted determination. Mr. Greaves explained that specific requirements for a blighted property are found in the Township Ordinance and that the Board had asked for legal assistance from the Township Solicitor in interpreting some of those requirements. John Spiegelman stated that the White Paper is currently with the Township Manager.

Patane Trust Properties located at 1170 - 1180 Easton Road

Shaun Littlefield mentioned there is an interested buyer for these properties.



Action Items and Responsibility:

Appoint a new Chair at the next meeting.

Next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, January 27, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m.