

MINUTES
WALTON PLAN COMMISSION
Monday August 7, 2023

Vice President Vincent Beeson called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the Walton Town Hall.

ROLL CALL:

Members present: Vincent Beeson, Mac Martin, Karen Lank, Melanie Kelly, Chandler Eurit and Ron Eurit

Member absent: Brian Ayers

Staff present: Jamey Harper, Ashley Rowe and Ralph Koppe

Public in attendance: See sign in sheet

ACTION ON MINUTES:

Minutes of July 10, 2023 were presented. Mr. Martin motioned to approve as presented.

Mr. R. Eurit seconded the motion and all were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

REPORTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: Unsafe

108 S High St - Madrigal

Mr. Koppe stated nothing has been done on this property since our last meeting. Mr. Koppe stated that we already had a \$1,000 fine assessed on the property. Mr. Koppe recommends that we give them 30 days to clean up the property which would be the September 5th meeting, reinspect on August 30th. If not done by the meeting assess an additional \$1,000 fine. Mrs. Rowe stated that the very last page was documentation from the Health Department. Mr. Martin asked if Mr. Madrigal's taxes are up to date? Mrs. Rowe stated yes. Mr. Beeson asked if the Planning Department has had any response from Mr. Madrigal with the letters? Mrs. Rowe stated that the last letter was returned back to us. Mr. Beeson asked about the fine that was assessed, if it is just sitting there? Mrs. Rowe explained that when we assess a fine it is a 45-day process. Mrs. Rowe stated we can have Mr. Koppe put in the letter that we need Mr. Madrigal to call our office. Mr. Beeson wondered how the fines are posted on the house. Mrs. Rowe stated that they get put on their taxes. Mr. R. Eurit asked if they received their first letter? Mrs. Harper stated that they did receive their first letter.

Mr. Martin made the motion to assess a \$1,000 fine, give them 30-days to clean up the property with a possible additional \$1,000 fine, which would be the September 5th meeting, reinspect on August 2nd. Ms. Lank seconded the motion and all were in favor.

503 N Davis St - Jackson

Mr. Koppe stated we gave them 60-days and they told us then that everything would be fixed and done, and assess the \$1,000 fine since nothing has been done on this property since our last meeting. Mr. Koppe stated we recommend giving them another 30 days which would be the September 5th meeting, reinspect on August 30th. If not fixed by the next meeting assess an additional \$1,000 fine. Michael Jackson, 3261 Somers Dr, Kokomo attended the meeting. Mr. Jackson stated that they have a court date for September 22nd, we are trying to get her vacated from the property. The house is in Mr. Jackson's name along with Leila Jackson. My ex wife Leila Jackson got the house in the divorce, she was supposed to refinance it but never did. Mr. Jackson stated that the bank is working with him also, she has been paying between 1 to 3 days before they can file foreclosure proceedings on it to get her out on their part. Mrs. Hellmann keeps it consistently 2 months behind, it has to be two months and 1 day. Mr. Beeson asked how long has it been going on now? Mr. Jackson stated about 7 years now. Mrs. Jackson stated that what the Board is doing is helping them in the case, it is actually providing them with the last tool that they need. It's forcing her to either sell the house or turn it over to them so they can fix it

up and get it sold. Mr. Jackson stated that he emailed some pictures of the inside of the house to Mrs. Rowe so she can forward them on to the Health Department. Mr. Jackson stated that the inside of the house is so bad when their 14-year-old daughter gets picked up to visit Mr. Jackson they have to roll the window down because her clothes smell so bad. Mr. Martin stated the \$1,000 fine can be taken back if they are starting to show the Board they are making progress on fixing the structure. Mr. Martin states that he thinks they should use the fine to push them forward on cleaning up and fixing the things the Board asks.

Ms. Lank made the motion to assess a \$1,000 fine, give them 30-days to clean up the property with a possible additional \$1,000 fine, which would be the September 5th meeting, reinspect on August 2nd. Mr. Martin seconded the motion and all were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS: None


FLOOR WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: Carmen Piercy, 7581 S CR 700 E, Walton. Mrs. Piercy asked if she could get information on what the Boards process is when a property goes through these proceedings or a written policy? Mr. Beeson asked if Mrs. Piercy wanted the procedure's we go through? Mrs. Piercy stated procedures the Board goes through for unsafe homes into the next step. Mr. Beeson stated if someone complains about a property, then it gets brought to the Board to discuss options. Then we send Mr. Koppe out to the property to inspect it, only on the exterior he can't go on the inside. Mr. Beeson stated we have to give them notice and time for them to appear, basically we give them a warning that if they can't complete what the Board asks then we go onto the next step.

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: See sign in sheet

ADJOURNMENT:

There was no further business to be brought before the Board. The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 PM, on August 7, 2023.


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Ashley Rowe, Recording Secretary