

State of Indiana
Greene County
City of Linton

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING
MONDAY July 10, 2023, 4:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Blighted Properties

Murdick Angelina - Property (Eagles Bldg.)

Mayor Wilkes stated that there is paint peeling. The engineers are looking into it, and it is currently work in progress.

Ron Lehman – Update on Properties

15 E. Vincennes St - G.C. Murphy Building - Jeff Doris

Ron Lehman stated that Mr. Doris has completed all the work required on the building and is asking for a letter of release. Sam Dummy will issue the letter now that he is in compliance. Ron stated that Mr. Doris has a buyer for the building.

NW A Street – Fire Building/City Hall – Jeff Doris

Ron Lehman stated that Mr. Doris is working on the building at this time. Ron will continue to give updates.

400 N.W. I St – Clarence W. Adams Jr. & Darlene

Ron Lehman reported that nothing has changed as far as cleaning up the property. Sam Drummy stated that he verified with the auditor's office that the leans have been added to the real estate taxes. Sam also stated it is a reoccurring fine every 90 days.

642 N.W. "E" Street - Joe Hineman Properties– 22092008

Ron Lehman stated that Mr. Hineman had mowed and cleaned up the property. Will leave on the agenda and revisit next month to see if he continues to mow.

1109 NW 1st – Castlerock 2023, LLC

Sam Drummy stated that the Linton-Stockton School will be purchasing the property and tearing it down assuming the school board will approve the purchase.

155 6th St SW– Has a New Owner (Former owner Jimmy Modesitt)

The new owner was present at the meeting. Property has been cleaned up and all that is left are tree limbs. There was a discussion to extend the deadline for 30 days and recheck

progress. A motion was made by Tony Richards to extend the deadline 30 days, 2nd by Mayor Wilkes, George Skeel was absent. 2 ayes, passed.

170 NW J St – Debbie Smith

Ron stated that nothing has been done with the property. Bids were opened. Scott Landis bid \$3,400 plus \$250 a load of fill dirt, if needed. \$3,500 bid from Danny Rose. A motion was made by Tony Richards to award the bid to Scott Landis and 2nd by Mayor Wilkes, George Skeel was absent. 2 ayes, passed.

224 I St SW – Loretta Kay Cantu

The owner was present at the meeting. Ron Lehman stated there is a modular and garage on the property as well as remains of a burned house that need cleaning up. Mayor Wilkes suggested giving the owner 30 days to have it cleaned up or bids to clean up the property will be taken. It was noted by Sam Drummy that August 7, 2023, is the deadline. The motion was made by Tony Richards for an August 7th deadline and 2nd by Mayor Wilkes, George Skeel was absent. 2 ayes, passed.

130 F St NE - Ralph L & Christina L Deeds

Ron Lehman stated that both owners have passed. The family has plans to clean up the property, but it is currently in probate. The family will let Ron know when the property is no longer in probate. It was discussed whether to wait until property is out of probate or to have the city clean it up. A motion was made by Tony Richards to wait until out of probate and let the family clean up property, 2nd by Mayor Wilkes, George Skeel was absent. 2 ayes, passed.

66 5th St NE - Diana Crody

Ron Lehman stated that there are people that are going to help Ms. Crody with cleaning up the property and fixing the hole in her roof. The work has not started but a plan is in place. There was a discussion to extend to the next meeting to see if progress has been made. A motion was made by Tony Richards to extend it to the next meeting and 2nd by Mayor Wilkes, George Skeel was absent. 2 ayes, passed.

40 West 140 N - Jeffrey & Nicole Franklin

Ron Lehman stated that the house has been torn down but not cleaned up. They will be bringing dumpsters in for the cleanup. A motion was made by Tony Richards to extend the deadline to the next meeting and 2nd by Mayor Wilkes, George Skeel was absent. 2 ayes, passed.

R R 2 Box 560 – Levi Hall

Ron Lehman stated that the property has been cleared. All that is left is a metal frame from the trailer that will be removed. Ron stated this property could be removed from the agenda.

130 SW 1st - Karen Johnson

The Clerk-Treasurer stated she was still waiting on an invoice from Carr-Thomas.

Bonham Building – Vinod Gupta

Ron Lehman stated that bricks are falling off the building, issues with an overhang and soffit. Also, the northeast corner on alley side of the building is starting to fall in, and he is continually picking up dead birds off the sidewalk. Fire Chief Colton Murray contacted the caretaker for Mr. Gupta on June 10, 2023, and informed her of the issues that needed to be addressed and to get back with him before the July meeting. Fire Chief Murray did not hear back from her and contacted her again on July 7th and she told him she had contacted Ron Lehman on July 6th with the updates. She will have the window closed off to take care of the bird issue and is having someone look at the other issues with the building for an estimate.

359 J Street – Chris Wathen

Property has been cleaned up and is for sale.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Tony Richards and 2nd by Mayor Wilkes, George Skeel was absent. 2 ayes, passed.



Mayor John Wilkes



Clerk-Treasurer Claudia Walker