

**PULASKI TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL MEETING**

August 28, 2013

The Pulaski Township Supervisors meeting was called to order at 6:30 P. M. in the Township Building, 3401 Sunflower Road, New Brighton, PA by the Chairman of the Board, Mr. Doug Margetic who led the Pledge to the Flag.

In attendance were the following people: Dawna Pella, William Thomas, Donn Sheets, Gary Krause, Bonnie Hutchison, Ed Rae, Doug Thompson, Patty Weatherly, Volynda Teets, Frank Chufe, Gary Teets, Andrew Blisnak, June Foster, Gale Helbling, Robert Wharton, Mike Krechowski, James Bobin and Attorney Budicak.

Mr. Margetic announced that the purpose of the meeting was to hear from the Code Enforcement Officer about the multiple ordinance violations, field questions about code violations from the audience and any other matters that may come before the board.

Gary Krause was present about the ongoing problem with the tenant he has. He admits it is a bad situation. The tenant was found guilty and he was instructed not to remove anything or he will be charged for theft. Attorney Budicak represented Helen Porter of 486 #2, Blockhouse Run Road about five or six years ago and Mr. Krause was instructed not to remove anything. Attorney Budicak said that he will instruct her to remove everything. Mrs. Pella will meet with Mr. Krause to check the property. Mr. Krause said she has an ongoing yard sale all year around. Mr. Krause is requesting a fire inspection and Attorney Budicak said he can't do that.

William Thomas asked about the status of the property at the corner of 33rd Avenue and 46th Street. He wanted to know if it is on the list of properties for inspection. Mrs. Pella stated that currently they are working on the Marion Hill Apartments, and the next priority property will be mobile homes, with duplex properties next. She stated that there are major problems with David Hanshe, John Liberty and Albert Hovancik.

She explained that it takes approximately five hours to take a case to court on any charges. It is very time consuming. A couple of months is needed to investigate each case. Judge Nicholson is willing to work with the Code Enforcement Officer to help the Township. The township could go bankrupt if she takes on too many cases.

The Secretary is sending letters on small problems like grass cutting, dog barking, burning, tree trimming etc. That helps to lessen the load for Mrs. Pella.

Attorney Budicak is preparing civil cases with the properties that are habitual violators. He explained that when Mrs. Pella files a summary citation, it is for each section of the citation not just one citation. They need to be fined repeatedly and continuously to try to get anything accomplished.

Mrs. Pella stated that Mr. Hanshe was on trial by computer. There is a dumpster on the property now to clean up the place. She said he was polite, respectful and he has agreed to do whatever is necessary to settle the matter. He will be in jail until October. She said we could be

held responsible for whatever happens. Since he is in jail, he can't do anything. It isn't perfect she agreed – but – she can and will not let it go. She inspects every once in awhile. It is just going to take some time.

Mr. Margetic saw an air conditioner fall out of one of the windows when he went past at the Marion Hill Apartments. The apartment owners are in court now.

Bonnie Hutchison expressed concern about the house on 46th Street and 32nd Avenue (3202). Mrs. Pella has called the property owner several times. She will inspect the place as soon as she can. Ms. Hutchison also complained about the Douglas Property on 32nd Avenue. It is overgrown; no one can get to the door, windows broken, etc. Mrs. Pella stated that Attorney Budicak can force their name on the demolition list for the County. Ms. Hutchison also complained about Mike Beaver property with all the junk and high weeds.

Mrs. Pella explained that our ordinances are up to date and gives us an advantage when we do go to Court. She said that the township will work on the worst properties first and descend to the least troublesome. The ones that have a long history of problems will not change overnight.

Donn Sheets of 39th Street registered a complaint again about the cars outside the fence on the Hovancik property. Cars are covered for six or seven years. No license plate, no registration on any or most of them. The grass needs cut too. Attorney Budicak said that he is going to go up and look at the property.

Ed Rae of 47th Street complained about a green house on 32nd Avenue (Douglas Property). Kids are going in and could get hurt. He wondered if the township couldn't do something so no one gets hurt.

Doug Thompson was complaining about the property of Zamindar Property Management at 4008-10 – 51st Street. Garbage, furniture is all over the place. The dumpster is overflowing. Gary Teets wanted to know why they can't do something to the tenants? Dog feces is all over the place and never cleaned up. Garbage is piled on the porch of the apartment that is empty next door. They need to go after the Property Management or the tenants or both.

Gale Helbling asked about the mobile home that is in bankruptcy in his Mobile Home Park. Attorney Budicak said that the owner agreed to abandon the Mobile Home verbally. No taxes are being paid, it is in disrepair and it needs to be demolished. Mr. Helbling was told to contact Judy Hage, the tax collector about the taxes. Mr. Helbling should be able to demolish the home.

Mr. Frank Chufe had nothing to discuss.

Mr. Robert Wharton of 3713 – 40th Avenue inquired about the vacating of the street beside his property. He wants to construct a shed and needs to know if there is enough room. He was told to check with the Secretary.

Mike Krechowski was present about the Hanshe property. He said there is a truck on the hillside, a car behind the garage and a car in front of the garage. He is concerned about the small children living there getting hurt. Mr. Hanshe nailed some boards to form a shed up in the trees

behind his house. It isn't safe. He has about fifty tires up on the hill. Mrs. Pella has been keeping a check on the property. There are three small children living there and they are playing in the street, the mother has asked the neighbors for food for them, she doesn't watch them very closely and she goes down to the neighbors and leaves them alone. Attorney Budicak said that people need to step up and call Children and Youth Services when the children are unattended or not fed. Call the police and call Children and Youth. You have to think of the children and you can't depend on someone else all the time.

Also, across the street from Mr. Krechowski the neighbors put up a blow up pool. It is not fenced in, has a pump and it probably isn't installed correctly and small children are in the pool without any supervision all the time. It will be checked into.

Gary Krause said that this is the first time a group of citizen got together to ask questions, to try and solve some of the problems in the township and it nice to keep the communications open. He thought the meeting was good for the citizens.

A few of the citizens complained about the appearance of the Fire Department. The grass is not cut, weed wacked and shrubs not trimmed. Mr. Margetic said he would bring it up with the firemen.

Mr. Margetic stated that the supervisors are doing what they can do within the law about all of your complaints. Mrs. Pella is persistent and will not go away. He asked everyone to please be patient and understanding. Everything cannot be done overnight. Some of the problems have been ongoing for twenty years or more. He thanked everyone for coming.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regular meeting of the Supervisors will be held on Monday, September 9, 2013 at 6:30 P. M.

A motion was made by Doug Margetic and seconded by Byron Mooney to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P. M.

Respectfully submitted

Mable Henn
Secretary