

New Carlisle Town Council
124 E. Michigan Street, New Carlisle, Indiana
Public Hearing, November 27, 2018, 2018, 4:30 PM

President Carter called the meeting to order at 4:30 with Council Member Vermillion, Council Member Kauffman and Clerk-Treasurer Susan Moffitt present. Council Member Rypma and Council Member Budreau were absent.

Also in attendance were Andrea Halpin, John Mrozinski, Jill Doll, Bob Middlebrook, Carol Middlebrook and Samantha Rush.

There were no representatives of property owners present and Andrea suggested that we wait until 4:45 to begin the hearing.

President Carter opened the public hearing at 4:45 for the purpose of moving forward with Mr. Middlebrook's recommendation that the structure at 121 Zigler Street be deemed unsafe.

Code Enforcement Officer Bob Middlebrook reported that he left notice of this hearing at the home of the property owner. The owner called Bob and stated that he does not want the house. He also went to Atlas Land, who purchased the property at tax sale, and left a copy but the building was vacant.

Bob described twenty code violations at 121 Zigler Street and reports that it is very dangerous. Kids have gotten into the house since the town boarded it up and have torn it up further including removing the boards. Bob also had pictures documenting the violations and reports that the owners have been fined approximately \$900 and have not responded. He requested that the Council vote to deem it as an unsafe structure.

President Carter asked if we can place a lien for the fines and Andrea responded that we can. She stated that it appears that the former owner has no intention of redeeming the home from the purchaser and we may want to do so if no one redeems it or pays. There is a surcharge to the county for having to go through the process.

Code Enforcement Officer Bob Middlebrook stated that in his mind it is a neighborhood blight and is also very dangerous for kids and there are obvious signs that this is happening.

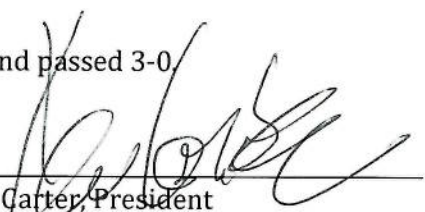
Cal Dittmar entered the meeting

A motion to deem the structure as an unsafe building at 121 Zigler Street and that we demolish that structure and place a lien on the property unless the property owner comes forward and demolishes it prior to that, was made by Council Member Vermillion.

Josh Schweizer entered the meeting

The motion was seconded by Council Member Kauffman and passed 3-0.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.


 Ken Carter, President

Attest:


 Susan I. Moffitt, Clerk-Treasurer