

TOWN OF CONSTANTIA
MINUTES – PUBLIC HEARING-TOWN BOARD-November 17, 2015
7:00 p.m. Constantia Town Hall

Present: Kenneth Mosley - Town Supervisor
John Metzger, Thomas Moran, Chad Whitney – Council Members
Clare Haynes - Town Clerk
Warren Bader – Town Attorney
Wayne Woolridge – Highway Superintendent
Wayne Hall – Code Enforcement Officer
Gordon Hall – Property Owner

Absent: Richard Colesante – Council Member

CALL TO ORDER:

At 7:00 p.m. the public hearing was called to order with the pledge of allegiance.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this public hearing is to discuss unsafe buildings located at 1396 County Route 17, and 1540-44 State Route 49.

DISCUSSION:

Mr. Mosley read the following portion of the town board resolution that was passed at the October 22, 2015 meeting of the town board.

WHEREAS, based upon his formal inspection of the premises, the Building Inspector found that the building and property are dangerous and unsafe because of the following facts and circumstances: (1) because of its condition, the building is unsafe, unsanitary or dangerous to the health, morals, safety or general welfare of the people of the Town of Constantia; (2) the structure has a very large hole in the foundation and in the back of the structure; (3) the structure is open at the doorways and windows, making it accessible to and an object of attraction to minors under eighteen (18) years of age, as well as to the vagrants and other trespassers; (4) the premises is or may become a place of rodent infestation; (5) the premises consists of debris, rubble or parts of buildings left on the ground after demolition, reconstruction, fire or other casualty; and (6) the roof appears to be sagging.

Mr. Wayne Hall, Code Enforcement Officer and Mr. Mosley on request from Mr. Gordon Hall went to the property located at 1396 County Route 17 to see the progress Mr. Gordon Hall has made. Mr. Gordon Hall has boarded up the windows and the hole at the back of the building. The property still has a sagging roof. Mr. Gordon Hall has owned the property since 1984, and has been slowly gutting the house to revive it.

Mr. Bader is concerned because the town has had the same problem with Mr. Gordon Hall at a different location, when pressed Mr. Gordon Hall did little improvements then transferred the property over to another individual.

Mr. Mosley admitted that he and Mr. Wayne Hall has seen some improvement, but not at a pace that is acceptable.

After discussion, it was decided that Mr. Gordon Hall will have until December 7, 2015 at 7:00 pm to give the board a detailed explanation on what is going to be done and how long it will take to accomplish the tasks. This public hearing is going to be adjourned, and Mr. Gordon Hall will be required to appear at the regular town board meeting on December 15th at 7:30 pm to continue this hearing. Mr. Bader told Mr. Gordon Hall after review of his list received on December 7th, the town board will give a determination on December 15th as to the course of action the board will be taking. If this case does go to court, Mr. Gordon Hall was reminded that the fines for not doing the requested work can be up to \$250.00 per day.

Mr. Metzger thought that Mr. Gordon Hall would be better prepared for the meeting today, have a better plan. The property is a disaster and there is a lot that needs to be done.

1540-44 State Route 49 – Ruth Maser – Mr. Bader respectfully asked the board to adjourn this public hearing until he can verify that Ms. Maser was served. Mr. Bader has not seen an affidavit of service and would like to verify before continuing the hearing.

ADJOURN:

At 7:30 Mr. Metzger made the motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Mr. Whitney.

Carried: Moran – Yes Whitney – Yes Metzger – Yes Mosley - Yes

Mr. Moran made the motion to adjourn the meeting to December 15, 2015 at 7:30 pm, seconded by Mr. Metzger.

Carried: Moran – Yes Whitney – Yes Metzger – Yes Mosley - Yes