

Public Hearing Authority for the Unsafe Building Law's Minutes

August 2, 2016

The Unsafe Building Hearing Authority met for a Public Hearing for the Authority for the Unsafe Building Law. Those present were Brad Armstrong, President, Commissioner Tom Stevens, and Marc Huber.

Auditor Robin D. Lowder, Deputy Auditor Emily Moore, and attorney Ray Richardson were also present.

The Hearing Authority for the Unsafe Building Law began at 8:30 a.m.

Public Hearing

At 8:30 a.m. a public hearing was opened. Attorney Ray Richardson opened the hearing: "This is a hearing on an Unsafe Building order issued by the Hancock County Building Inspector to demolish and remove the building located at the intersection of CR 1200 East and 700 North, Greenfield, Indiana, presided over by the hearing authority as established by ordinance pursuant to Unsafe building Law found at IC 36-7-9." The meeting was opened by President Brad Armstrong.

County Attorney Ray Richardson ascertained who was present by calling 3 times. Present was Scott Williams, Hancock County Building Inspector, who is the enforcement authority under IC 36-7-9. Newton T. Dick, Jr. owner comes not.

Rosemary Dick, owner, comes not.

Scott Williams was sworn in. The County Building Inspector offered proofs of service and publication. He stated that he sent notice to the owners and received receipts. He said that he had issued an order finding that the house and barn are unsafe buildings under IC 36-7-9, and the corresponding county ordinance, and should therefore be demolished and removed no later than September 2, 2016, because the general condition of the building warrants removal. In support of the order he said that he has found the building is:

1. in an impaired structural condition;
2. a fire hazard;
3. dangerous to a person or property because of a violation of a statute or ordinance concerning building condition or maintenance;
4. vacant and not maintained in a manner that would allow human habitation, occupancy, or use under the requirements of a statute or an ordinance.

The Building Inspector showed the hearing authority the facts to support his conclusions and order. (copies of receipts, returned mail, publisher's claim, and photos) President Armstrong ordered that photos be entered into evidence. The question was asked if anyone wanted to cross-examine. No answer. The question was asked if anyone wanted to present evidence or make a statement. There was no response.

Commissioner Armstrong accepted a motion to affirm the order issued by the Building Inspector against Newton T. Dick, Jr. and Rosemary Dick to demolish and remove the building located at the intersection of CR 1200 East and 700 North, Greenfield, Indiana, not later than September 2, 2016, and that if such action is not completed by that date the Building Inspector should proceed on his own to demolish and remove the building. Commissioner Stevens made motion to proceed as stated. Commissioner Huber seconded. Motion carried 3/0.

The Public Hearing Authority for Unsafe Building Law meeting adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Hancock County Unsafe Building Hearing Authority

Brad Armstrong, President

Tom Stevens

Marc Huber

Attest: _____

Robin D. Lowder
Hancock County Auditor