

Plan Commission Meeting Minutes  
Special Meeting December 5, 2019

Meeting came to order by President Richard Tincher at 7:00 pm.

Commission Members present: Mike Duke, Richard Tincher, Jack Bodiker, Mark Tucker, Lynnette Allen

Building Commissioner: Gene Kates

Town Attorney: Ed Martin

Public Members: Rex Lawson, Andy Jury, Mike Wright, & Stephanie Wright,

This meeting was in regards to the Enforcement Order issued on November 21, 2019 by Gene Kates, Building Commissioner of the Town of Centerville, for 307 East Plum Street, Centerville, Indiana. The order finds that the owners are maintaining a structure on this property that has been determined to be an unsafe building.

President Richard Tincher started the meeting by reading the legal rules of the meeting.

President Richard Tincher asked if there were anyone in attendance that may have issue with the order that had evidence that they want to present.

President Richard Tincher swore in Gene Kates before he presenting evidence. Gene Kates, Town of Centerville Building Commissioner who resides at 2740 S. Centerville, Road, Centerville, Indiana. Stated that the property has been in disrepair for many years starting back to 1998, but the property was then abandoned February of 2017 when the electric was shut off. The Town of Centerville then shut off the water in 2018. The property did go through a tax sale, but the new owner never took possession. Upon external inspection the structural integrity of the foundation is failing, along with the roof along the back of the structure is caving in. The last observance of the interior of the property showed the inside had been gutted down to the studs at least 20 years ago. Gene Kates, Town of Centerville Building Commissioner recommended the Order of Demolishing of the property. Gene Kates also stated that he hand delivered the order to the property owner Mark Paul Harris. Gene Kate also entered into evidence that Mr. Mark Paul Harris didn't attend the meeting. Gene Kate also mentioned that the going rate for removal of a two story home with basement is around Fifteen Thousand Dollars and will advertise taking at least 3 bids.

President Richard Tincher asked is anyone present further evidence. No one else presented evidence or cross examined the witness.

President Richard Tincher motioned to affirm the order of demolition of the property and Mike Duke seconded with unanimously approved.

Mike Duke motioned the Mr. Mark Paul Harris was willful in failure to comply with the Order and Lynnette Allen seconded with unanimously approved.

Mark Tucker motioned to assess the \$5,000.00 fine and Mike Duke seconded with unanimously approved.

Lynnette Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm with Richard Tincher seconded and unanimously approved.