

Building Appeal Board
Wednesday, June 14, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brian Morse, presiding; Nancy Janzig; Bill Scalzo; Justin Hoffman; John Miller; Rick Wallin; Shawn Krizaj

MEMBERS ABSENT: Don O'Connor; Mark Pleml; John Hinzmann; Jordy Sargent

STAFF PRESENT: Blake Nelson; Ethan Scrivner; Jon Otis; Steven Robertson; Bonnie Engseth

1. ROLL CALL

3. NEW BUSINESS

An appeal to reverse a Condemnation Order of the Building Official for 631 E. 3rd St.
Present on behalf of applicant: Timothy Johnson, William Paul, Attorney

- a) Blake Nelson presented the staff report to the board and answered questions from the board about the demo order.
- b) Board Members asked the City Attorney questions about the ownership of the property. There is an expired contract for deed on the property. The attorney stated that it still meets the criteria for ownership. The applicant's attorney stated they are working on getting the final warranty deed as proof of ownership.
- c) Board Member Wallin asked the applicant if repairs were completed on previous fires and if the building was covered by insurance. The applicant stated that he paid for the repairs and the building is not insured.
- d) Board Member Hoffman asked if the property has been listed for sale. Applicant stated it has not been listed but there are interested parties.
- e) Board Member Wallin asked about the estimate of repairs. Applicant submitted documentary evidence from Northland Consulting Engineers and Stretar Masonry regarding the property.
- f) Motion made by Board Member Janzig, seconded by Board Member Krizaj to accept the documents submitted by the applicant.
- g) Steven Robertson stated we will recess for 5 minutes to read the submitted documents.
- h) Board Member Morse called the meeting back to order.
- i) Motion made by Board Member Wallin to deny the appeal.
- j) Board Member Wallin retracted the motion to allow more testimony against denial of appeal.
- k) There was a lengthy discussion regarding the safety and security of the building to the public as well as the applicant needing more time to secure financing for the possibility of repairing the structure or listing it for sale.

Motion made by Board Member Scalzo, seconded by Board Member Wallin to table the appeal until August 9, 2023 with the following conditions:

- A sidewalk obstruction permit to be applied for immediately.
- The property to be continuously secured.
- Provide proof of ownership.
- Provide documentation of sufficient funds for repairs, plus a contractor's estimate and timeline for completion of such repairs and/or documentation that the property has been listed for sale.

Motion unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm