

MINUTES
WALTON PLAN COMMISSION
Monday February 3, 2020

President Mac Martin called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the Walton Town Hall.

ROLL CALL:

Members present: Mac Martin, Dick Case, Mike Robinson, Brian Ayers, Susanne Pitcock, Steve Williams and Vincent Beeson

Member absent: Elizabeth Eurit and 1 member to be appointed

Staff present: Eric Servin, Arin Shaver, by telephone, and Peggy Dillon

Public in attendance: Rick Lee

ACTION ON MINUTES:

Minutes of December 2, 2019 were presented. Mr. Beeson motioned to approve. Mr. Ayers seconded the motion and all were in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING:

None

REPORTS:

4th Quarter 2019 Improvement Location Permits:

Mr. Servin presented the ILP report, there were no questions asked.

Unsafe Property Reports:

207 S. Main St.: House fire

Mr. Servin reported that the house has been demolished. Mrs. Shaver explained that this property was on the watch list. Mr. Robison stated that there is debris in the yard and the back building is wide open, he would like to send a letter asking for a plan of action. Mr. Beeson asked if there was communication with the owner and no contact has been made.

Mrs. Shaver stated we will bring this property forward in March.

301 Church St: Rotted boards on east side and rafters; rodent infestation

Mr. Servin reported that a demolition permit was acquired for the garage.

Mr. Robison stated that this house was scheduled for demolition but Rick Lee has bought it from Kerry Eaton.

Mr. Lee explained that he has torn the garage down and wants to re-construct the house but the bad weather is stopping him at this time. Mr. Lee stated that he will continue working on the house as soon as the weather allows for that.

Mr. Robison motioned to put this property on the watch list.

OLD BUSINESS:

Unsafe Property:

114 Depot St. – Pitman: Main rafter is unsafe

Mr. Servin explained the following:

- Mr. Koppe inspected the rafter and has determined that it is safe temporarily
- Is still a temporary fix
- The timber needs to be tied to the building to be secure

Mrs. Shaver asked if the Board wishes to give her an additional 30 or 60 days and do they wish to put a fine on the property if a permanent repair is not completed.

Mr. Martin stated that giving her 60 days would be fine.

Mr. Robison motioned to bring this forward at the April 6, 2020 meeting; re-inspect on April 1st; put no fine on the property at this time.

Mr. Beeson seconded the motion and all were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

200 Bishop St: Roof is falling in

Mr. Servin explained that the roof on the garage is falling in and needs to be cleaned up. The Board agreed to send a letter and bring forward to the March meeting.

208 Church St.: Foundation and clean up

Mr. Servin explained that Mr. Koppe inspected the foundation and determined that it is not unsafe, just needs cleaned up. It was determined that Walton will watch the property.

No further steps are taken at this time.

MEMBER TO BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS:

It was agreed that Mac Martin will continue to be the appointment to the Walton Board of Zoning.

PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:

8138 S. US 35 Wyant:

Mr. Robison asked the progress that the Cass County Plan Commission has made with this property. Mr. Servin explained that a letter has just been sent to assess a \$1,000. Mrs. Shaver asked if the Town of Walton would be interested in cleaning up the property and the Cass County Unsafe Fund would pay the cost of this. Mrs. Shaver explained that at this time the county doesn't know of any company willing to do clean-up work. The Board and Mr. Lee discussed this possibility.

6219 S. 600 E. Browning:

Mrs. Shaver explained that Ms. Browning has stated that she plans on boarding the house up and taking the front porch off, no plans to demolish.

ADJOURNMENT:

There was no further business to be brought before the Board; the meeting was adjourned at 6:19PM February 3, 2020.

Mac H. Martin Pres.
WPC Officer

Janet S. Pitcock
WPC Officer

Peggy Wells
Recording Secretary