

PUBLIC HEARING

WEDNESDAY

7:00 P.M.

AUGUST 5, 2020

Solicitor Patricia McGrail

This is the date and time set for a Public Hearing on the condemnation of 4 structures in the Borough of Port Vue. They are identified as blighted and unsafe. The properties are 1719 Johnson Street, 1721 Johnson Street, 1726 Romine Avenue front and 1726 Romine Avenue rear. The hearing notices were sent to all owners in July by regular and certified mail, including all taxing bodies and any one with interest in the properties. All properties were posted and advertised on July 18, 2020.

The first two properties, 1719 and 1721 Johnson will be put on hold due to the property owner Donald L. Rudberg being in Bankruptcy. The court puts a stay on the property. It is possible to file a petition for relief from the stay due to a health and safety issues. For the time being we will suspend the public hearings on those two properties and Solicitor McGrail will proceed with the relief of stay.

The next property 1726 Romine Avenue, 465-A-245 Brooks Enterprises, regular and certified mail. Mail was returned undeliverable. Letters that were sent addressed to property owners of record. Malisa Migliori stated no correspondence has been received from the property owner for that property. Engineer Don Glenn gave testimony to the condition of the property. He stated 1726 Romine is a two story sided building and based on recommendation of the building inspector there are no utilities on, fire hazard, vermin/rodent infestation and health hazard to neighbors due to mold and mildew. There is no property maintenance compliance and the structure is considered a high priority for demolition. He stated the property is currently vacant and currently uninhabitable. Don Glenn stated the property is blighted and recommends the demolition of this property.

Solicitor McGrail then closed the hearing for 1726 Romine Avenue.

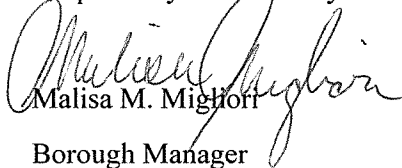
Next property hearing is 1726 Romine Avenue rear- lot and block 465-A-247. Property owner Raquel Lugo. Property notices were advertised and sent to the property and tax payer address. A letter was sent on July 28, 2020. Engineer Don Glenn provided testimony and asked for his report become part of the record as response to Attorney Lebovitz's letter representing the owner Raquel Lugo.


Solicitor McGrail read the letter from Attorney Lebovitz. (attached and part of the record). She then read a letter from the property co-owner Julio Espinosa. (attached and part of the record).

Engineer Don Glenn gave testimony and read his opinion letter with findings from onsite inspection from August 4, 2020, his opinion letter is dated August 6, 2020. (attached and part of the record). In conclusion it is his professional opinion the retaining wall referred to in Attorney Lebowitz's correspondence of August 4, 2020 is not a borough constructed, owned nor maintained retaining wall. He sated the rear porch is not safe, the steps are missing, right side foundation and left side wall are not structurally sound and it's his professional opinion this property should be condemned and demolished. He stated we can not use public funds to repair private property. He also stated the property is unsafe, unsanitary conditions, health hazard to neighbors and fire hazard.

No other testimony provided. Solicitor McGrail closed the hearing.

Respectfully submitted by:


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