

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
VACANT PROPERTY REINVESTMENT BOARD
THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023, AT 8:00 A.M.
AT THE OFFICES OF THE
LANCASTER COUNTY HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES
28 PENN SQUARE, SUITE 100
LANCASTER, PA 17603**

The members of the Vacant Property Reinvestment Board met Thursday, May 18, 2023. The Board meeting was held at the offices of the Lancaster County Housing & Redevelopment Authorities, 28 Penn Square, Lancaster, and via Zoom Videoconference.

Members of the board in attendance: Ed Fisher, Scott Graham, Bob Heiserman, Dan Hess, Rick Martin and Heather Zink.

Staff members present: Justin Eby, Executive Director; Michaela Allwine, Director Housing and Community Development; Sean Krumpke, Acquisition & Rehabilitation Program Coordinator; and Beth Dreyer-DeGoede, Executive Administrative Assistant.

Others present: Randall Wenger, Rapho Township Manager

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bob Heiserman at 8:01 am.

There was no public comment.

Minutes of the February 16, 2023 meeting were approved. The motion was made by Ms. Zink, second by Mr. Martin, and unanimously accepted.

There were no Hearings.

There was no Correspondence or Communications.

There was no unfinished business.

New Business:

The board accepted the property at 2764 Lebanon Road, Rapho Township, Lancaster County, PA into the program. Mr. Krumpke reviewed the process for determining a “blighted property,” described the property and noted where this property fit that description. This property is an abandoned hotel. Mr. Martin asked if it was connected to a franchise. It was once a Hampton Inn. He asked why it was closed. The owners reported they could not get staff, but Mr. Randall Wenger, Rapho Township Manager, noted that the building had serious issues prior to it closing. Mr. Martin asked if it could be salvaged and they do not know yet. Ms. Zink asked if it was foreclosed and it is not. Mr. Fisher noted that the banks do not want to foreclose because they will lose money. Mr. Martin asked if there was any communication from the owners and Mr. Wenger said that they do sign for the certified mail, but have not responded.

Ms. Zink made the motion to accept the property into the program, second by Mr. Hess, and it was unanimously accepted. Mr. Wenger thanked the board.

Other Business: The next meeting of the Vacant Property Reinvestment Board will be held **June 15, 2023**, at 8 a.m. at the offices of the Lancaster County Housing and Redevelopment Authorities, 28 Penn Square, 1st floor, Suite 200, Lancaster, PA and via the Zoom video conferencing platform.

Mr. Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Ms. Zink and approved. The meeting was adjourned.

Beth A. Dreyer-DeGoede, Secretary