

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
VACANT PROPERTY REINVESTMENT BOARD
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 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, September 21, 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: Dan Hess, Heather Zink, Rick Martin, and Scott Graham.

Staff members present: Justin Eby, Executive Director, Sean Krumpe, Acquisition and Rehabilitation Program Coordinator and Beth Dreyer-DeGoede, Secretary.

Mr. Hess made a motion for Ms. Zink to lead the meeting, Mr. Eby seconded and it was approved.

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Zink at 8:04 am.

There were no public comments.

The minutes of the August 17, 2023, meeting were reviewed. Mr. Hess made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Martin seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

There were no Hearings.

There was no correspondence.

Old Business:

Second determination of blight for 2764 Lebanon Road, Rapho Township, Lancaster County, PA will most likely be at next month's meeting.

New Business:

1. Approval of 2024 Meeting Schedule – meetings to be held the 3rd Thursday of the month at 8 am. Mr. Graham made motion to approve, Mr. Hess seconded and it was unanimously approved.
2. Review of referral for 170 S. 5th St. – Mr. Krumpe discussed the property in Columbia Borough and reviewed the elements of blight. Ms. Zink reiterated that the property

appears to be abandoned. Mr. Krumpe said that no one has responded to multiple communication attempts. Mr. Hess asked how we try to track the owner. Mr. Krumpe said he goes through all municipal records. Mr. Eby said we often engage our solicitor when we cannot find anything. Mr. Hess asked if the home would need to be demolished. Most likely, but no one has been inside it yet. Mr. Graham asked about neighboring properties. Mr. Hess made a motion to accept the property into the program, Mr. Graham seconded, Ms. Zink needed to recuse herself, but everyone else approved.

3. Review of referral for 313 N. 2nd St. – this property was pulled from discussion because the homeowner has made remediation to remove the condemned status. Mr. Hess made a motion to remove this from the agenda, Mr. Graham seconded and it was approved.

Other Business: The next meeting of the Vacant Property Reinvestment Board will be held October 19, 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. Hess made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Martin seconded the motion, and all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 am.



Beth Dreyer-DeGoede, Secretary