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Minutes

Regular Meeting of June 22, 2023
Code Enforcement Committee

Committee Members Present: Thomas Hazel, Zoning Enforcement Officer; Lieutenant Nick Puorro; Al Lespier, Deputy Fire Marshal; Art Higgins, Fire Marshal; Tanielle Davis, Public Health Manager; Howard Weissberg, Deputy Director of Public Works; and Christopher Forte, Assistant General Counsel.

Members of the Public: None.

1. **Call to Order By Staff.** AGC Forte called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. **Approval of Minutes.**

Review and approval of the minutes for the June 8, 2023 regular meeting.

Motion to Approve made by Art Higgins, seconded by Tanielle Davis. Motion passed unanimously at 9:01 am.

3. **Public Session.** None.

4. **New Business.**

A. **Mayor's Office.**

1. Update from the Mayor's Office. No updates.
2. 139 Church Street. Fire Department went out to the property, issued orders to correct which will expire in August. Will continue to monitor.

B. **Public Works.**

1. Update from the Public Works Department. No updates.

C. **Health Department.**

1. Update from the Health Department. No updates.

D. Department of Land Use.

1. Update from the Department of Land Use.
 1. 5 Westmont Drive: Will add to the agenda, notice of violation issued for grass. Will continue to monitor.
 2. 19 Clinton Avenue: Reports of work done on property without site plan approval or building permits. Will continue to monitor.

E. Building Department.

1. Update from the Building Department. No updates.

F. Police Department.

1. Update from the Police Department. No updates.

G. City Fire.

1. Update from City Fire. No updates.

H. South Fire District.

1. Update from the South Fire District. No updates.

I. Westfield Fire District.

1. Update from the Westfield Fire District. No updates.

J. Office of the General Counsel.

1. Update from the Office of the General Counsel. No updates.

5. Old Business.

A. Mayor's Office.

1. Forbidden Llama: No updates.

B. Health Department

1. 455 & 465 Middlefield Street: No updates from Health, Police, or Zoning.

C. Department of Land Use

1. 695 South Main Street. Site is closed, no activity. Planning and Zoning Commission holding public hearing to revoke special exception to use site as a hookah lounge. PZC has also banned hookah lounges in the City of Middletown. Will continue to monitor.
2. Bob's Building. Owner is working on new layout of the building and is

expected to order windows and start construction soon. Will continue to monitor

3. 542-544 Main Street: Property conveyed to new owner. Land Use working with new owner to rectify violations. Will continue to monitor.

D. Building Department

1. 699 Country Club Road: No updates.

E. Fire Department

1. 237 Spencer Drive. Complaints of outdoor burning. Fire Marshal inspected the property and found blight and unsafe conditions. ZEO Hazel has cited the property for blight. Will continue to monitor.

F. Office of the General Counsel

1. Forest City Laundry. AGC Forte updated the committee that the owners of the property have consented to the structure being removed by city officials and a lien to be placed on the property. Once funding and indemnity is confirmed, the City will move forward.
2. 102 Main Street Ext. Deadline for Notice of Abatement expired, will clean and lien.

6. **Adjournment.** Motion to adjourn by Thomas Hazel, seconded by Nick Puorro, and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.