

**TOWN OF INTERLACHEN
CODES ENFORCEMENT BOARD PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.
DICKERMAN BUILDING**

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Meadows called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm and dispensed with the formalities.

ROLL CALL:

Board members present were, Chairperson Gene Meadows, Chuck Conner, Jean Russell, Rodney Williams and David Yonts. Attorney George Young and Codes Enforcement Officer Mary Ratliff were present also.

CHAIRPERSON – GENE MEADOWS

Chairperson Meadows introduced new Codes Enforcement Officer, Mary Ratliff and new Board Members Rodney Williams and David Yonts.

COUNCIL AGENDAED DISCUSSION:

Discussion and Consideration of Codes Case #061521.

The Town Clerk did a disclosure call and no board members had been by the site or spoken to anyone.

The Clerk swore in Codes Enforcement Officer Mary Ratliff.

Mrs. Ratliff stated that the violation is located at 109 Caracus Street and is in violation of Ordinance 2021-2, Section 4.1 & 5: overgrown yard, trash, debris and unlicensed vehicles. The date the violation was first observed was June 15, 2021. A Courtesy Notice was sent out June 30, 2021. The Notice of Violation was sent out on November 30, 2021. A re-inspection was done on December 13, 2021, and the resident was not in compliance, however, there has been a slight improvement. There are still in-operable/unlicensed vehicles in the yard.

The Clerk swore in Mr. Terry Hamilton, the resident of 109 Caracus Street. Mr. Hamilton stated that he owns the property, but he hasn't had it put in his name yet. He is trying to bring it up to code. He referenced the exemption in Ordinance 2021-2, Section 8.1, (3) which states, " Unlicensed inoperable vehicles stored on private property; provided however, that the vehicle and outdoor storage areas are maintained in such a manner that they do not constitute a health hazard and are screened from ordinary public view from the fronting street or roadway by means of a fence, trees, shrubbery or other appropriate means." Mr. Hamilton stated that the vehicles are behind shrubs, and he has put a tarp over fence. He stated that one vehicle belongs to an unlicensed driver, he's waiting on the title on one and waiting on parts on one

Board Member Chuck Conner moved to direct the resident to correct the violation in forty-five days or he will be fined \$100.00 a day. Board Member Jean Russell seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Board.

Discussion and Consideration of Codes Case #041819.

Attorney Young stated that Mrs. Ratliff remains sworn in.

Mrs. Ratliff stated that the violation is at 428 South Francis Street and is in violation of Ordinance 2021-2, Section 4.1 & 5. Yard, trash, debris and unlicensed vehicles. The date the violation was first observed was June 30, 2021. The Courtesy Notice was sent out that day. The Notice of Violation was sent on July 19, 2021. The owner was given thirty (30) days to correct the violation. A re-inspection was done on November 22, 2021, and the owner was not in compliance. The certified letters have not been accepted by the resident.

Attorney Young advised the Board that since the hearing was not properly posted, the hearing should be rescheduled.

Board Member Chuck Conner moved to continue this case until the next hearing date so the Codes Enforcement Officer can properly post the date and time of the hearing. Board Member David Yonts seconded. Motion Passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Board.

Discussion and Consideration of Codes Case #030821.

Mrs. Ratliff stated that this violation is located at 204 Huron Street and the owner of record is Novella Investments, LLC. The violation was first observed on March 11, 2021. Some improvement has been made but is still not in compliance.

Board Member Chuck Conner moved to continue this case until the next hearing date so the Codes Enforcement Officer can properly post the date and time of the hearing. Board Member Jean Russell seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote of the Board.

ADOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.