

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

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Meadows called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led the pledge of allegiance.

**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 stated this is not a court of law, but we will follow the rules and we want to have a precise record of this meeting. Anyone who wishes to speak will be sworn in and called to the microphone for the record to be clear.

**AGENDAED DISCUSSION:**

***Discussion and Consideration of Codes Case #091016.***

Codes Enforcement Officer Mary Ratliff was sworn in.

The Town Clerk called for disclosure. No board members had been by the site or spoken to anyone.

C.E.O. Ratliff stated that this case is a repeat violator. This case was closed because the owner did clean up, but this property was brought to C.E.O. Ratliff's attention because it was in disarray again. Upon site inspection, the property was found to be in the same position it was in the first time around.

Angel Dean was sworn in by the Clerk. Ms. Dean is the person residing at the property.

Ms. Dean stated that she did not see an issue with her children's toys being in the front yard. It is the most appropriate place for them to play. Ms. Dean stated that the tires, table, and clothes from the photos have been removed. Ms. Dean pointed out that this is the first time back before the board since her case was closed.

Board Member Conner stated that he would like the C.E.O. to re-visit the site to see if the property has been brought into compliance since the last visit on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Board Member Conner moved to assess fines in the amount of \$100.00 per day if the truck parts and engine parts are not removed from the property by sometime next week, pending C.E.O.'s schedule. Board Member Yonts seconded. After some discussion, Board Member Conner amended this motion to assess fines in the amount of \$100.00 per day if the truck parts and engine parts are not removed from the property by June 17, 2022. Board Member Yonts seconded. Motion passed by a 4-1 roll call vote of the Board with Board Member Russell voting no.

***Discussion and Consideration of Codes Case #11121.***

The Town Clerk called for disclosure. No board members had been by the site or spoken to anyone.

C.E.O. Ratliff stated she has tried to get Putnam County to this property because the trailer is sinking into the ground it appears to be held up with a four-by-four. It's been reported that rodents and snakes coming from this property. The county has looked at C.E.O. Ratliff's photos and does not see any issues, however she did speak with them again and they will try to get a building official out there to look at the property.

Attorney Young has an upcoming appointment with the building official for Putnam County and will bring this to his attention and request them to come out and look at the property.

John E. Townsend was sworn in by the Clerk. He introduced himself to the board as a neighbor to the property in violation. Mr. Townsend claims that he has seen rats and snakes coming from this property.

Board Member Yonts moved to assess fines at \$100.00 per day for overgrown yard and unkempt property and danger to public health. Board Member Williams seconded.

During the discussion Board Member Conner stated he would like to see the fine increased to \$200.00 per day. During the discussion Board Member Meadows asked if the septic system for this property was open or exposed. According to C.E.O. Ratliff and the neighbor John Townsend, they have not seen an open septic system on this property.

Motion failed by a roll call vote with 4-1 roll call vote with Board Member Yonts voting yes.

Board Member Conner moved to assess fines at \$200.00 per day for the overgrown yard, unkempt property, and danger to public health until violations are corrected. Board Member Williams seconded. Motion passed by a unanimous roll call vote of the Board.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.