

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Weathersfield Township Trustees Regular Meeting
Held on Thursday, April 17, 2025 at 3:30 PM

Call to order: Steve Gerberry

Pledge: Completed

Roll Call: Steven Gerberry - Present Richard Harkins - Present
Edward Whittaker - Present Patrick Glunt - Absent

Public Hearing:

The Chairman Steven Gerberry opened the Public Hearing held pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §505.86 challenging an order requiring demolition of the structure located at 1358 Gilbert Drive, Mineral Ridge, Ohio 44440, Permanent Parcel Number 21-046950 (the “Property”) in Weathersfield Township. Larry P. Kirby, Sr., the property owner, requested the hearing.

The hearing was electronically recorded.

Law Director Cherry Lynne Poteet represented the Township. She presented the following documents as Exhibits for entry into the record:

- 1. A certified copy of Resolution 24-117 adopted by the Weathersfield Township Trustees at their meeting on July 9, 2024, declaring the structures on the Property to be a nuisance and threat to public health and safety as unfit for human habitation and ordering their demolition.
- 2. A copy of the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Trumbull County Board of Health on June 26, 2024, including adoption of Motion 24-144, which declared the structures on the Property to be Unfit for Human Habitation.
- 3. A copy of the Health Department Structure Assessment of the Property May 31, 2024.
- 4. A copy of the lien report for the Property dated January 13, 2025.
- 5. A copy of the letter sent by certified mail dated March 17, 2025 to the Property owner, Larry P. Kirby, Sr., and the lienholders, notifying them of the order to demolish the property and right to request a hearing.
- 6. A copy of the request for a hearing signed April 4, 2025, by Larry Kirby Sr.
- 7. A copy of the letter hand delivered to the Property owner, Larry P. Kirby, Sr., dated April 4, 2025 setting the hearing for April 17, 2025 at 3:30 PM.
- 8. Photographs of the interior of the Property taken by the Sheriff’s Department during a drug raid at the Property in March 2024.
- 9. Photographs of the exterior of the Property taken April 14, 2025 by Zoning Inspector Kelly Clarke.

Larry P. Kirby, Sr., the Property owner, was provided the hearing to give him the opportunity to present evidence and arguments to support his claim that the structures are not a nuisance, unfit for human habitation, and a threat to public health and safety and should not be demolished.

Larry P. Kirby, Sr. did not appear.

Zoning Inspector Kelly Clarke was sworn in by Chairman Steven Gerberry and presented testimony and evidence showing that the structures were a nuisance, unfit for human habitation, and a threat to public health and safety. She identified each of the Exhibits and testified that she provided the notice of hearing to Mr. Kirby in person.

No one else appeared and no other testimony was provided.

The hearing was concluded.

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25-272 Motion to ***adopt a resolution to proceed with the demolition of the structure which is unsafe and structurally defective and unfit for human habitation*** located at 1358 Gilbert Drive, Mineral Ridge, Ohio 44440, Permanent Parcel Number 21-046950 in Weathersfield Township, Trumbull County, Ohio.

Motion by: Rich Harkins Seconded by: Steve Gerberry
Vote: Steven Gerberry - Yes Richard Harkins - Yes Edward Whittaker - Yes
Motion Carried

25-273 Motion to ***adjourn the hearing.***

Motion by: Edward Whittaker Seconded by: Rich Harkins
Vote: Steven Gerberry - Yes Richard Harkins - Yes Edward Whittaker - Yes
Motion Carried

Patrick J. Glunt, Fiscal Officer

Steven J. Gerberry, Trustee

Richard T. Harkins, Trustee

Edward K. Whittaker, Trustee