

**DANGEROUS BUILDINGS  
HEARING MINUTES  
July 12, 2023  
1:00 P.M.  
City Hall  
10 Division St N  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Commission Chambers Room 301  
Battle Creek MI 49014**

1. **Call to Order:** 1:04 pm
2. **Roll Call:** Carman Hamilton, Dangerous Building Hearing Officer
3. **Staff Members Present:** Richard Bolek, Chief Building Official; Don Wilkinson, Building Official; Angela Sulak, Secretary
4. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda:**
5. **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Hamilton approved the minutes from the April 12, 2023 meeting.  
Approved
6. **New Business:**
  - a. 590 Washington Ave N (House)  
Issue #EN23-01969 Fire  
Building Inspector: Don Wilkinson  
Property owner, Kent Roberts, present.  
Mr. Wilkinson, Building Official, stated the property was heavily damaged by fire. In its current condition, Mr. Wilkinson recommended affirming the property as a Dangerous Building. Mr. Roberts asked what is the danger? Mr. Wilkinson replied that the property is inhabitable and not safe. Mr Bolek stated that according to the City ordinance along with the state building codes, this property falls within the guidelines outlined. Mr. Wilkinson stated that the City will work with Mr. Roberts on making repairs. Mr. Roberts asked if the property is not brought to code, will it be demolished? Mr. Wilkinson replied that if it looks like you're moving forward on repairs, the City will continue to work with you. Mr. Roberts stated that his plan is to demolish the current property and rebuild. He asked when he would receive the fire escrow. Mr. Wilkinson stated that escrow would be returned when

the demo has been completed. Mr. Hamilton affirmed the property as a Dangerous Building and granted thirty days to bring into compliance. Affirmed

b. 239 Michigan Ave E (House)

Issue #EN23-04574 Fire

Building Inspector: Don Wilkinson

Property owner not present.

Mr. Wilkinson, Building Official, stated the property was heavily damaged by fire. In its current condition, Mr. Wilkinson recommended affirming the property as a Dangerous Building. Mr. Hamilton affirmed the property as a Dangerous Building and granted thirty days to bring into compliance. Affirmed

c. 27 Woodward Ave (House)

Issue #EN22-00151

Building Inspector: Don Wilkinson

Property owner not present.

Mr. Wilkinson, Building Official, stated the property is currently owned by the Calhoun County Treasurer and meets the requirements of being a dangerous building. In its current condition, Mr. Wilkinson recommended affirming the property as a Dangerous Building. Mr. Hamilton affirmed the property as a Dangerous Building and granted thirty days to bring into compliance. Affirmed

d. 232 Post Ave (House)

Issue #EN23-05043 Fire

Building Inspector: Don Wilkinson

Property owner, Hope Meyer, present

Mr. Wilkinson, Building Official, stated the property was heavily damaged by fire. In its current condition, Mr. Wilkinson recommended affirming the property as a Dangerous Building. Ms. Meyer stated that Hasting Mutual has denied her insurance claim, as she did not live at the property at the time of the fire. Her plan is to clean up all the debris and sell. She stated she has no funds to make repairs. Mr. Hamilton affirmed the property as a Dangerous Building and granted thirty days to bring into compliance. Affirmed

**7. Public Comments:** Mr. Roberts asked if boarding up his house and making it secure would remove it from the Dangerous Building list. Mr. Bolek stated no, as it still qualified under the ordinance. He also stated that following these steps allows the city to take care of properties that have been abandoned by the owner, but that it doesn't stop the City from assisting property owners in making repairs.

**8. Board and Staff Members Comments:** none

**9. Adjournment:** 1:23 pm

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