

**DANGEROUS BUILDINGS
HEARING MINUTES
November 8, 2023
1:00 P.M.
City Hall
10 Division St N
3rd Floor Commission Chambers Room 301
Battle Creek MI 49014**

1. **Call to Order:** 1:03 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:** None
5. **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Hamilton approved the minutes from the July 12, 2023 meeting.
Approved
6. **New Business:**
 - a. 3 Spring St (Commercial)
Issue #EN22-09745 Vacant
Building Inspector: Don Wilkinson
Property owner not present.
Mr. Wilkinson, Building Official, stated the property is currently vacant and in bad shape. 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
 - b. 84 Magnolia Ave (House)
Issue #EN23-06587 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. 317 Pleasantview Dr (House)

Issue #EN23-06345 PD Call

Building Inspector: Don Wilkinson

Property owner representative, Bryan Hoke, present.

Mr. Wilkinson, Building Official, stated the property is

currently uninhabitable due to unhealthy interior

conditions after inspection request from a police call.

He has had no contact with the owner. In its current

condition, Mr. Wilkinson recommended affirming the

property as a Dangerous Building. Mr. Hoke stated

the owner, Mary Conner, is currently living at The

Laurels of Bedford and is a hoarder. He stated that

after conversation with Mr. Bolek, he attempted to

contact Ernie to talk about assisting with clean up. He

stated that Ms. Conner is on a fixed income so paying

for cleanup will be difficult. Mr. Wilkinson stated that

he needs a timeline on when it will be corrected and

that the property will need to be winterized. Mr. Hoke

stated he would try to set something up with Ernie if

he calls him back, and if not, he will be the one

responsible for cleanup. Mr. Wilkinson recommended

Mr. Hoke wear a Tyvek suit to protect himself from

hazardous material. Mr. Wilkinson stated that again,

in its current, the property qualifies as a Dangerous

Building. Mr. Hamilton affirmed the property as a

Dangerous Building and granted thirty days to bring

into compliance. Affirmed

*Side note, Ernie did reach out to Mr. Hoke during the

meeting.

d. 91 Vale St (House)

Issue #EN23-06374 Fire

Building Inspector: Don Wilkinson

Property owner, Eric Thomas, present

Mr. Wilkinson, Building Official, stated the property

was heavily damaged by fire and has had no contact

with the owner. In its current condition, Mr. Wilkinson

recommended affirming the property as a Dangerous

Building. Mr. Thomas stated that a tenant was living

in the house at the time of the fire, and the incident is

still under investigation with the Fire Marshall. Mr.

Wilkinson recommended that Mr. Thomas speak with Quincy Jones, Fire Marshall to see where their inspection is. Mr. Thomas stated that they did not have insurance and that he and his father are at a standstill until the Fire Marshall makes a determination. Mr. Wilkins stated that in its current condition, it is uninhabitable and should be affirmed as a Dangerous Building. He told Mr. Thomas that he would need a plan of action to take before the Board of Appeals in 30 days. Mr. Hamilton affirmed the property as a Dangerous Building and granted thirty days to bring into compliance. Affirmed

7. Public Comments: None

8. Board and Staff Members Comments: None

9. Adjournment: 1:18 pm

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