

TOWN OF BOURBON PUBLIC HEARING

OCTOBER 17, 2013

A Public Hearing for the Town Council for Bourbon, Indiana was held on Thursday, October 17, 2014 beginning approximately 7:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers with all Council Members, the Building/Zoning Inspector and the Clerk-Treasurer present in person.

The meeting was held to make determination concerning the property located at 103 North Harris Street, Bourbon, Indiana, owned by Nanette Long. Building/Zoning Inspector Bill Keyser restated the condition of the home/property to the members and the audience in attendance. He advised the Council that he had a telephone conversation with Ms. Long on Wednesday, October, 16, 2013. At that time, she advised Mr. Keyser that she would be able to provide \$100.00 per month to start repairs of the home. Keyser advised the Council against accepting her offer due to the severity of the repairs that needed to be done.

Currently the home is condemned and deemed uninhabitable per the Marshall County Health Department. There is no water, gas or electric service to this residence at the present time. Nipsco, the gas/electric provider, has removed the meter from the home and will not reinstall until the necessary repairs are made to the home.

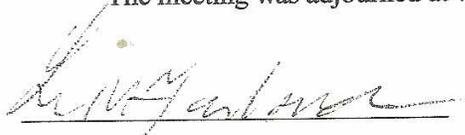
The Council heard from several members of the audience, neighboring residents of the property in question, concerning the condition of the home and the infestation of rodents coming and going from the home. Mr. Keyser also stated that Chuck DeWitt, Marshall County Building Inspector, had toured the home with him during the summer of 2012 and deemed the property not feasible to be repaired.

Mr. Keyser advised the Council that they have three options concerning this property. One is that they can ignore the condition of the property, secondly, they can choose to have the property demolished or the Town of Bourbon could pay to have repairs made and then file a lien against the property. Keyser also stated that he had received a quotation concerning the cost of demolition which would run between \$12,000.00 and \$14,000.00 dollars. He also stated that he would look into getting additional quotes if necessary.

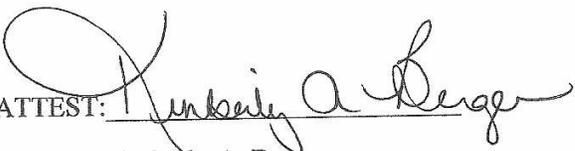
Council Member Larry Wattenbarger moved to demolish the home at 103 North Harris Street, with President Les McFarland seconding the motion. Motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Keyser advised the Council that he would start the correspondence with the home owner and that she would have 30 days from the date of the letter to remove any personal items from the home.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.



Les McFarland, Council President

ATTEST: 
Kimberly A. Berger