

PUBLIC HEARING  
DANGEROUS BUILDING ORDINANCE  
2137 Pennsylvania Avenue

A public hearing was held on Tuesday, June 8, 1993 at 5:30 p.m. at the Shenango Township Municipal Building with supervisors Richard Schweinsberg and Joseph Budai present.

The purpose of the meeting was to hear testimony from Mr. Ken Higgins owning the structure located at 2137 Pennsylvania Avenue which has been classified as a Dangerous Building.

Chairman Richard Schweinsberg opened the hearing by reading the engineer's report as to why the building was classified as a dangerous building. Mr. Schweinsberg stated that as the engineer's report deems the building as non-repairable, the structure should be removed from the premises. He stated that Mr. Higgins would have ten days in which to start the process and fifty days to complete the process. He informed Mr. Higgins that the structure is a disgrace to the Township as well as a health hazard.

As supervisor Budai was stating his opinion, Mr. Higgins interrupted, thereby causing a shouting match between the two persons in which Mr. Budai was called a smart mouth by Mr. Higgins.

Higgins stated in his testimony that he has attempted to repair the home but the structure remains to be vandalized. He stated that he was on his way down this very day to secure the door but it was raining so he was unable to do so. Mr. Budai asked why he waited so long before trying to secure the home in that he received this notice in May of 1993 that the home was a dangerous building. Mr. Higgins replied that he did not have time until today.

Mr. William Smith, zoning officer, offered testimony stating that Mr. Higgins had been into the township building in 1986 for a previous hearing on this case and to this day the home has not been repaired and the condition has worsened.

Chairman Schweinsberg then reiterated his opening statement informing Mr. Higgins that the structure must be removed. If Mr. Higgins fails to do so within the specified time period, the home would be removed by the Township and Mr. Higgins would be responsible for the cost.

Motion by Joseph Budai second by Richard Schweinsberg that the findings of the hearing be: the home shall be removed within fifty days of this hearing.

Motion by Joseph Budai second by Richard Schweinsberg to adjourn.

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