

**Blight Appeal Hearing  
March 21, 2016**

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*James Thomas Wright*

**Property Owners Present**

Chad Scherr (Investor)

Beverly Wright

**City Officials Present**

Dave Blackwell Sr.- Blight Officer

Daniel King- Hearing Officer

**Call to Order:**

Mr. King called the hearing to order at 5:30 p.m. All rose, Pledged Allegiance to the Flag. Mr. King called upon Mr. Chad Scherr the investor of 50 Seventh Street Ansonia, CT.

Mr. Blackwell says the blight is ongoing and nothing has changed. The property is cited for the following: unregistered trailer in back, debris throughout the property, peeling paint and rotted wood in the front of property, and an uprooted tree. Mr. Blackwell says that he believes the property was blighted a second time.

Mr. King says from the time the lien began up to January 14, 2016 the fines are \$70,250.00 and is still accruing daily. Mr. King asks Mr. Scherr if he would like to speak.

Mr. Scherr says that he just learned about the lien and condition of the property just a few months ago. Mr. Scherr says that the borrower is a 66 year old disabled veteran and they are trying to keep the borrower in his home rather than see it foreclosed. Mr. Scherr says as the investor he says they are willing to take over the financial costs of remediating the seven items stated as blight but needed to get permission from the borrower to legally go on to the property and do such. Mr. Scherr says that he has been calling for months with no response from the borrower. It took Mr. Scherr to fly up to Connecticut from Virginia to speak with the borrower, as he did today.

Mr. King asks what the time frame is to get all of the blight remediated. Mr. Scherr says he will be contacting contractors tomorrow and says that it should be done within 2 weeks. Mr. Scherr explains that he and his company are trying to work with the borrower to keep them in their home.

Mr. King asks Mr. Scherr what his position will be as far as the lien goes. Mr. Scherr says that he feels that he should not be held accountable for the lien considering it took him to fly up from Virginia just to speak with the borrower. Mr. Scherr says that he feels if he is willing to pay and take care of the blight citations then he as the investor should not be responsible for the fines.

Mr. King says once everything is taken care of to satisfaction Mr. Blackwell needs to be notified and will return to the property for an update. Mr. King says as far as the lien goes, once the blight is remediated Mr. Scherr can go before the Board of Alderman and see if the fines can be reduced.

Mr. King allows three weeks for the work to be complete and asks Mr. Scherr to contact Mr. Blackwell by both phone and via mail when the work is complete.

Mr. King calls upon Beverly Wright property of 15 Lester Street Ansonia, CT.

Mr. Blackwell says he went to the property today and has new photos.

Mr. King says looking at the photos it looks like collapsed structures and looks unsafe.

Mr. Blackwell says when he met with Mrs. Wright this morning she said she had already contacted and hired a contractor to take down a building and clean up another and hopes to repair the garage roof.

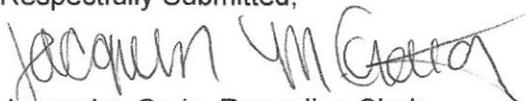
Mrs. Wright explains at one time it was a bakery but has not been used for many years.

Mr. Blackwell says that Mrs. Wright plans to get rid of the two unregistered vehicles.

Mr. King asks what the time frame will be to get the work started. Mrs. Wright says it will be started within a month or so.

Mr. King says within 30 days the work to collapsing the building and cleaning up the other needs to begun. Mr. King asks Mrs. Wright to notify Mr. Blackwell when work is complete and if everything is done to satisfaction no fines will accrue.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Jacquelyn Craig, Recording Clerk