CALL TO ORDER. The Charter Township of Orion Board of Trustees held a Public Hearing on Monday, March 21, 2022. The Public Hearing was held for the Condemnation of 3826 Gainsborough, Lake Orion, MI.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Donni Steele, Julia Dalrymple, Mike Flood, Brian Birney, Kim Urbanowski, Chris Barnett, Penny Shults

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dan Dewey Dan Jalkanen Trevor Hudson Matt Szadyr Garrett Hoffman Gary Roberts Dave Franks

Supervisor Barnett convened the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m. The Public Hearing was held to afford the opportunity for public comment regarding the condemnation of 3826 Gainsborough, Lake Orion, MI.

Township attorney Dan Kelly provided an overview of the process and confirmed the Hearing Officer has determined condemnation is appropriate. He also indicated that during the pending portion of the meeting, the Board will consider this matter.

Supervisor Barnett referenced the Hearing Officers findings and asked if members of the public wished to give public comments.

Larry Trigger, attorney for property owner David Franks gave the historical perspective regarding the homeowner’s inability to maintain the property. In September of 2019 on Mr. Franks 60th birthday, he experienced serious medical problems and was hospitalized in ICU for two weeks. He was debilitated for some time and unable to work. Mr. Franks is an electrician by trade and was able to return to work parttime. When he was in the position to begin the repairs the pandemic hit, and he was unsuccessful finding contractors to help with repairs. Mr. Trigger acknowledged the property had fallen into a serious state of disrepair. A meeting was held with the Hearing Officer who allowed 90 days for the repairs to be completed or the building would be condemned. After 90 days, the homeowner did not complete the needed repairs. Mr. Frank made significant progress and repaired the roof, cleaned out the home, secured the garage door, obtained a permit, and installed an electrical meter, and the pad lock on the gas meter has been removed and service is to be initiated.

Mr. Trigger added that the addition on the back of the home was put on 30 years ago without permits before Mr. Franks was the homeowner. The addition was at risk of collapse and the roof has been removed, a partial wall was demolished, and siding and trim work will be done. Therefore Mr. Franks has eliminated the risk of collapse. A siding contractor has been secured and a couple people will help with siding, trim, etc.
The attorney added that in the middle of all this, taxes fell behind, but have now been paid at the county. He added that this is not the usual circumstance. What is happening is the gentlemen has dealt with a significant health issue and the pandemic has restricted the use of contractors. Mr. Trigger asks the Board please consider finding a way to give a reasonable amount of time to make and document the repairs and give the property owner the opportunity to preserve his home. They are asking for 120 days to have the home fixed up, so it is not a danger.

Seeing there were no other members of the public who wished to make comments, Supervisor Barnett adjourned the Public Hearing at 7:16 p.m.

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Penny S. Shults, Clerk

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Chris Barnett, Supervisor
Charter Township of Orion

Transcription: Meg Beutler