

NASSAU COUNTY CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 19, 2003

Vice Chairman McCabe called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Janet Wylie, Code Enforcement Secretary proceeded with the roll call. Board Members present were: Clyde Goodbread, Jacqueline Herterich, Elaine Hunter, Bernard McCabe, Orrin Main, and Frank Ridley. Board Members absent were: Glenda Stonecipher. Staff members present were: Brenda Rothwell, Code Enforcement Director, Jack Hampton Howell, Code Enforcement Manager/Officer, Guy Turcotte, Code Enforcement Officer, Sue Jarzyna, Assistant County Attorney, Becky Liddell, Office Specialist II and Janet Wylie, Code Enforcement Secretary. Staff members absent were: Mike Mullin, County Attorney.

Vice Chairman McCabe asked the Code Enforcement Board if any of the members had ex parte contract (discussion of the public meeting) to declare. If the answer is yes, the member must state the source of the contact and state clearly and concisely the substance of the contact for the record. In the absence of caution, the Board members should consider their personal observations, such as those derived from site visits, as ex parte communications. Such observations must be disclosed. There wasn't any disclosure.

Board Member Main made a motion to approve the minutes of October 14, 2003. Board Member Herterich seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.

There weren't any comments from the Chairman.

Ms. Jarzyna, Assistant County Attorney, read the statement of procedures and cases to be heard.

Board Member Ridley stated although he has not had any ex parte communication with anyone regarding any item on the agenda tonight he has an unrelated legal matter involving Keith and Rhonda Sawyer and therefore should abstain from any comments with that case. Ms. Jarzyna stated that was alright; that four members were needed to vote and there were enough members present.

OLD BUISNESS:

Officer J. H. Howell was sworn in.

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NEW BUSINESS:

CASE #03-397 Bill & Lindy Cox – 1648 Avant Road

Officer Howell presented the case against Bill and Lindy Cox for violation of Ordinance 2000-26, Section 1.6, maintenance of structure and Ordinance 2003-17, Section 6.01, general nuisances affecting public health and Section 6.03, discard, place trash, litter or debris. The property owner was cited July 18, 2003. The property is zoned RS-1. It is still non-compliant as of yesterday afternoon. We are requesting administrative fees and re-inspection fees of \$249.24. This property is almost at the very end of Avant Road. There is a garage that is real close to the road that is in bad repair, big pile of old rotting lumber, trash, litter, debris and stuff. There is an old bathtub sitting in the driveway and things just thrown about everywhere. Cited him and we had a meeting with the property owner, 30 days expired, posted it for the Board and here we are.

The property owner or representative was not present.

Board Member Herterich wanted to know if the structure was not secured. Officer Howell stated that you could actually see through the roof. There is actually another structure here, a home, actually two homes. Mr. Cox owns two adjoining lot. He claims to live in this house and the wife stays in the other. Nothing has changed since we started this.

Board Member Main made a motion finding that, based upon the evidence and testimony received tonight, Bill and Lindy Cox are in violation of Ordinance 2000-26, Section 1.6 and Ordinance 2003-17, Section 6.01 and Section 6.03 in that they have maintenance of structure, general nuisances affecting public health and discard, place trash, litter or debris on their property. Board Member Hunter seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0. Board Member Main made a motion that based upon the findings of fact, a fine of \$50 per day be imposed and that the fine commence on January 13, 2004 which allows 60 days to correct the violation before the fine commences. If the Code Enforcement Officer finds that the corrective action has not been taken by Bill and Lindy Cox the fine will commence and will run each day thereafter, and the Order of this Board shall so reflect that and a copy of the order shall be provided to Bill and Lindy Cox. In addition, I move that Bill and Lindy Cox be assessed an administrative cost of \$249.24 to be paid to the Code Enforcement Department by January 13, 2004 to be included in the Order that sets forth the fine. Board Member Goodbread seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0.