**SPRING ARBOR TOWNSHIP**

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

**DANGEROUS BUILDING ORDINANCE**

**SEPTEMBER 9, 2019**

The special meeting of the Spring Arbor Township Board was held Monday, September 9, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., with the following members present: Supervisor Dave Herlein, Clerk Julia Stonestreet, Treasurer Colleen Gibbs, Trustees Jim Buck, Troy Ganton and Caleb Runyon. Absent: Robert Drain,

The meeting was called to order with a quorum present. Mrs. Barbara Frizzell, owner of the property known as 4800 Reynolds Road was not present. The purpose of the hearing was to give the owner the opportunity to explain why the Hearing Officer’s order to demolish both houses and the detached garage should not be enforced. Supervisor Herlein explained that the meeting was called as a next step of ordinance 36-C to either approve, disapprove or amend the recommendation of the Hearing Officer to demolish the three structures.

According to Township records, this property was acquired by Clifford and Barbara Frizzell in February 2017. In early 2019, Barbara Frizzell became the sole owner of the property. This property includes two homes, one mobile home and one stick built home, one detached garage and more than a half dozen sheds/outbuildings located behind the homes. No one has lived in either home since 2016 when a bank foreclosed on the property. The property was in poor condition at that time and has continued to decline. It is important to note that the Frizzell’s met with Jan Gardner before they acquired this property, so they were very much aware from the beginning that the Township would be expecting the new owners to make improvements. The Township has received many complaints from the neighbors with the most recent received just last week. Last March the neighbor to the south of this property went before the property tax Board of Review to request that his assessment be lowered due to the very poor condition of this property. (It was lowered.)

Herlein asked for comments from the public – there were none.

Trustee Buck moved the recommendation of the Hearing officer to demolish the two houses and detached garage at 4800 Reynolds Road. Trustee Ganton seconded this motion. Roll Call Vote: Yes – 6 yes. Motion approved.

Supervisor Herlein declared the motion approved and stated that a letter of explanation and order to demolish would be sent.

Hearing ended at 6:47 p.m.

Julia Stonestreet, Clerk