

**UNSAFE HEARING BOARD
TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2002
5:00 P.M.**

The Unsafe Hearing Board met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Bridges called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., with Chris Fields, Toby Gilliam, and Mike Pavey answering roll call. Also present were City Attorney, Julie Newhouse, Jan Voiles, *Rushville Republican*, and Scott Murray, WKWH .

MINUTES* * *

Minutes of the meeting of May 8, 2002 were presented for approval. Fields made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORTS * * *

City Attorney, Julie Newhouse stated that Toby Yorn had responded to the Court and wishes to clean up the property. Judge Harcourt will set the matter for hearing.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS * * *

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS * * *

323 W. 9th Street, Frank Sundvall Property – Mrs. Sundvall said that they were ready to begin working on the roof, and they will keep the grass cut. The Board will review the matter once again in 30 days. Jack Hill will contact the owners for a signature to allow him to set a trap on the property.

603 W. Water Street, Linda Ketchum – The Board agreed to allow a 30 day extension. The shed is down and the building is secure. They have moved two cars onto the lot that are unlicensed.

1025 W. Jennings Street, Essex Property – Essex complained that someone has been dumping concrete on the property and burning wood on the lot. They have not been able to verify who is doing this. Essex believes it is the City's responsibility to find out who is doing this and to take care of the problem. Pavey made a motion to send written notice, by Sheriff, that if they don't get the property cleaned up, the City will do it and assess it to their taxes. Notice will be

sent after July 1 with the new statute. Gilliam seconded the motion. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS * * *

316 West 1st Street, Jenny Whittaker – Whittaker said she does not have the money to tear down the building. Bridges and Mathews spoke to Whittaker about a parking problem they are having. Whittaker agreed to park off the street without parking in the yard and the sidewalk. Gilliam made a motion to notify Whittaker in writing of the unsafe condition of the building and to have her remove the personal property from the building before any damage is done. She will be informed that the building either needs to be repaired or demolished. Fields seconded the motion. Motion carried.

328 West 4th Street, American General Finance – This property has been foreclosed upon. The grass needs to be mowed, the building is unsafe, there is junk scattered about, and piles of garbage on the front porch. There are no floors inside and walls have been stripped out. Gilliam made a motion to have the City clean up the weeds and start the process. Pavey seconded the motion. Motion carried. Newhouse will order a title search.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Fields made a motion to adjourn. Pavey seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

ROBERT M. BRIDGES, MAYOR

CHRISTOPHER S. FIELDS, MEMBER

TOBY GILLIAM, MEMBER

MICHAEL P. PAVEY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

ANN L. COPLEY, CLERK-TREASURER