



Date: August 16, 2023

Roll Call: James Slayton, Police Chief
Mark Fritz, Fire Chief
Jeff Dygert, City Manager

Minutes: No corrections at this time.

Motion to approve July 19, 2023, Nuisance Abatement Committee Minutes: James Slayton, Police Chief, seconded by Mark Fritz, Fire Chief, All approved.

If you have an item you would like to speak about related to a particular address you will have an opportunity to do so by coming up to the podium. The Committee adopted the City Council Rules of Public Speaking which has a limit of 3 minutes on a topic.

Administrative Due Process:

- 1. 304 N. Marvine Ave.:** Ronald Neuman, 304 N. Marvine Ave. Mr. Neuman thanked the committee for putting together the Administrative Due Process. Mr. Neuman explained about a year ago he put in an arbor over an existing ground-level 10x12 deck that is not attached to the house. This was to put grapes on it or clear tarp over it for a greenhouse. He did paint the 2x4s white. He has only 5-6 neighbors who can see this and someone in Codes or in the neighborhood turned him into Codes because he does not have a permit. Mr. Neuman feels it is landscaping, it is not attached to the house and has nothing to do with the prior structure. He received a letter from Kevin Burke who is a code officer stating that it has come to our attention that you are building an addition on the back of your house. He tried contacting codes with five phone calls and two legal notices that have not been answered except in form of letters and he now owes \$5,000.

Corporation Counsel explained this is in City Court and that there was a request for an adjournment from City Court because of the pending Adminstrating Hearing with the Nuisance Committee. This was adjourned to September 1, 2023, which is a first appearance and is still pending. We will schedule an Administrative Hearing on September 20, 2023, for the Nuisance Abatement Committee meeting and Mr. Neuman has the right to be represented by an attorney or proceed on his own behalf.

Motion to approve an Administrative Hearing for 304 N. Marvine Ave.: James Slayton, Police Chief, seconded by Mark Fritz, Fire Chief.

Complaints:

- 1. 7 Barber St.:** Hannah Dillon, Bayside, NY. She owns the house at 35 Barber St. and has a friend that owns 49-51 Barber St. 7 Barber St. is a disaster, there is trash everywhere, every week. It looks like trash is being thrown out of the second-floor windows on the side of the house. There is a fence that runs between 5 and 7 Barber St. where there is a 6x8 carpet across the front lawn and another on the curbside. The tenants at 7 Barber St. are going back and forth between 7 Barber St. and 22 Derby Ave. This goes on all night long with constant noise. 22 Derby Ave. is the house that had the fire and people are going back and forth. Ms. Dillon isn't sure if there is prostitution going on but there are a lot of women who are homeless with drugs involved. It is Ms. Dillon's understanding that the city is going to be taking the owner's house at 7 Barber St. Also, Balloons Restaurant is a nice restaurant that is at the end of the street and when you turn the corner it is a disgusting mess.

The Auburn Police Department is very familiar with 7 Barber St. and the surrounding area. They have had quite a few calls there and arrests for warrants for drugs. Friday a new initiative is starting which was granted by NYS Gun Involved Violence Elimination Program which entails a group of officers from the Auburn City Police, NYS Police, Cayuga County Sheriff's Office, Probation and the DA's Office that will all join together to target areas that are causing problems. Any affiliations in the neighborhood will be part of that target too. There is a list of the top 10 areas and 7 Barber St. is on that list. The call list has a wide range of calls like checking the welfare, domestic, fights, and overdoses and they are trying to use the grant funding to curve this.

The Auburn Fire Department goes there often as well historically and routinely for overdoses.

The City Manager explained the city has just recently acquired this property due to nonpayment of taxes as well as others on the agenda with the same property owner under different business names. There has been discussion about removing some of these addresses from this list but it would be best to keep them on so it stays on the City's radar. This address is a two unit with one side occupied and the other side is illegally occupied. The city will be working through this as the new owners of the house in order to get it under control. The city does not have any more legal proceedings so we can do what we need to make changes at this property.

Hearings: None at this time.

Other Business:

We have had several properties over the last few months that we have agreed to keep an eye on for the next six months. We do not need to discuss each one but we do have an update on some of these.

1. **126 Osborne St.:** The Police Department is associating this with 113 Osborne St. as well. The Auburn Police Department had one call for stolen vehicle and larceny. The Auburn Fire Department had one call for a fire inspection and it passed.

The City Manager explained that there was an overdue Certificate of Occupancy for 126 Osborne and other concerns were people living in tents on the property and on the city right of way, but these conditions have been addressed. This remains a code enforcement issue and will remain on the list through December 2023.

2. **11-13 Lafayette Pl.:** The Auburn Police Department had no calls for service. The Auburn Fire Department had one call for service due to a smoke detector alarm and it was found on the front porch in the trash. The City Manager explained the property was condemned as of June 2023 due to multiple code violations. Corporation Counsel will follow up with Code Enforcement to see if this is in court.
3. **108 Ross Pl. (property is owned by 202-206 Genesee St.):** The Auburn Police Department had one noise complaint back in July. The Auburn Fire Department had no calls for service. The City Manager did receive a complaint from a neighbor regarding vehicles. The owner of the property was pursuing evictions and Corporation Counsel did follow up with the law firm who is representing the owners but did not hear back. Corporation Counsel will follow up again.
4. **20-22 Foote St.:** The Auburn Police Department had two calls for service to check the welfare and a drug complaint. The Auburn Fire Department did have one call for service for an EMS call. We have received no further communication and the owner has attended a meeting in the past to address the committee. They should be fully aware of the issues going on and hopefully are taking the appropriate steps.
5. **11 Madison Ave.:** The Auburn Police Department had no calls for service and there have been some conversations with the previous owner. The Auburn Fire Department had no calls for service since the last meeting. The City Manager's Office shared that there have been no further communications. The property manager has been replaced and children are there playing in the front yard instead of what was happening before.
6. **33 Jefferson St.:** The Auburn Police Department had one call for service for a noise complaint in July. The Auburn Fire Department had two calls for service one for an EMS call and one for smoke detector activation without hazard. Mr. Huffman who has been at the meetings in the past and has represented the owner informed the committee the tenants were being evicted. We will monitor through September 2023.
7. **33 Columbus St.:** The Auburn Police Department had no calls for service and Auburn Fire Department and EMS had one call for service. This address is one of the several smoke shops on our nuisance list and Desist letters went out in May 2023. This property is being handled by Corporation Counsel.

8. 104 Grant Ave.: The Auburn Police Department, Auburn Fire Department and EMS had no calls for service.

9. 44 Wallace Ave: Hannah Dillon, owner of 24-26 Wallace Ave. One side of this property is condemned and last month Corporation Counsel explained there has been no communication back from the owner. There is constant drug activity, at least 25 police calls this year, and there are people back and forth on the street with mental situations and drugs. When Ms. Dillon went by the front door was left wide open and of course suspicious people would be there and anyone could enter. At the Founder's Day event, there were homeless people and those people were at this house. While Ms. Dillon was mowing the lawn people were coming down the street and went right to 44 Wallace Ave. Ms. Dillon has cameras on her house and a woman came to the door and tried to get in. This woman visits frequently to the place down the street. They have finally put the garbage out and she is happy to see that, but people coming up and down the street with wagons full of stuff in them. The police were there again just the other day.

The Auburn Police Department is familiar with this address for arrest warrants and drug activity. This will also be associated with our GIVE Initiative that they are doing on Barber St. Any person, relative or anybody associated with one area affects another area, we can target both those areas.

The Auburn Fire Department and EMS had no calls for service.

Corporation Counsel explained they have not had much cooperation with the owner of the property. The City Manager explained we have not been getting any response from the owner and this is unusual with his attention to the last property he had on the agenda. We will schedule this for a hearing on September 20, 2023.

We will monitor through December 2023. Code Enforcement explained they haven't had any communication with Mr. Hasen.

Hearing set for September 20, 2023: James Slayton, Police Chief, seconded by Mark Fritz, Fire Chief.

10. 9-11 Case Ave: The Auburn Police Department, Auburn Fire Department and EMS had no calls for service. There is a code violation related to a newly installed fence and Corporation Counsel spoke with codes regarding this and they do not know where it stands. We will follow up on this with Code Enforcement.

11. 255 Grant Ave.: The Auburn Police Department had a few calls for service for citizen assistance and larceny. The Auburn Fire Department and EMS have been there twice, once for a CO alarm with illness, ultimately there was no CO and no transport and the second one was for a reported structure fire that ended up being burnt food.

The City Manager's last update was that there are a handful of remaining issues for the outside and the violations are being worked through.

12. 25 Lafayette Pl.: The Auburn Police Department, Auburn Fire Department and EMS had no calls for service. This property is now owned by the City of Auburn and will have to

check to see if it is occupied and what the conditions are. Code Enforcement has provided it is vacant.

- 13. 9 E. Genesee St.:** The Auburn Police Department has had nothing since the State and Attorney General's Office closed the doors. On the Chief's daily check, it didn't seem to have any activity. The Auburn Fire Department and EMS had no calls for service. The City Manager explained it has been on our list because of the type of business that was being conducted on the first floor of this building and there are still some outstanding code violation issues related to potential occupancy of the apartments in the upper level on the building that are ongoing and being dealt with through the codes department.

Corporation Counsel explained that the Attorney General's Office is handling this now and we do not get any updates from them.

- 14. 39 Cayuga St.:** The Auburn Police Department had no calls for service. The Auburn Fire Department and EMS had one call for service. Corporation Counsel explained there were some code enforcement issues and was unsure if they are still pending. The Codes Department explained it is still an ongoing issue at this time and the Police Chief also drove down this street and saw several vehicles. Corporation Counsel will follow up on this violation for the next meeting.

- 15. 45 Columbus St.:** The Auburn Police Department, Auburn Fire Department and EMS have no calls for service. Corporation Counsel explained this was in court but the owner had a plan to fix the violations within time frames and if this is not taken care of it will be brought back to court.

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Mark Fritz, Fire Chief, and seconded by James Slayton, Police Chief

Adjourned: 10:37 a.m.

The next Meeting will be held on September 20, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.