

April 18, 2018

Village of Dexter  
509 Liberty St Dexter, NY 13634

### **Emergency Village Board Meeting**

On 4/18/18 at 8:30am Mayor James Eves called for an emergency village board meeting scheduled for 10:30am on 4/18/18.

**Present:** Mayor James Eves, Trustees Bruce Nutting, Richard Stevenson and Daniel O Connell.

**Absent :** Trustee Renee Stano.

**Also Present:** Village Code Officer James Millington and Village Forman Mathew Shawcross.

#### **Discussion- Unsafe structure at 303 E Bronson St, Dexter**

The home burned on 3/20/18 . John Garvin the son of owner Helen Garvin was contacted verbally that day . He was told to secure the home board the windows and secure the roof. On 3/22/18 the code officer also sent a letter giving him 5 days to stabilize the house from collapse and board any entry, and in 30 days inform the village of plans to repair to tear down. Windows were boarded, but the roof was not roped down or otherwise taken care of .

On 4/11/18 the village attorney sent a letter to Mr. Garvin giving him 2 weeks from the date of the letter to stabilize the building from collapse and to board all entries, and otherwise have the house brought in compliance with State Building Codes. The letter also informed Mr. Garvin that the village would have to take action on the structure if nothing was done.

On 4/17/18 a large piece of the metal roof fell to the edge of the property, other pieces of metal roofing are loose and in immediate danger of falling, possibly onto a neighbors property. The Code Officer took pictures of the roof, and where the piece fell.

Since 4/11/18 the Mayor and Code Officer have been unable to reach Mr. Garvin. Attorney Gebo was told by Mr Garvin, on 4/18/18 that GYMO was called to inspect the home for abtstestos. Mr Garvin does have insurance on the house.

The village can legally have a contractor take the roof down because of the safety issue. The village can bill Mr Garvin for all expenses associated with this issue.

The village cannot add this expense as a relevy on his taxes, but can put a lien on the property, and also take him to court for payment.

The house is exposed to the elements through roof and open entries. A Cub Scout meeting office is across the street . Children live and play on this street.

**Motion by Trustee Stevenson second Trustee O Connell to declare the burned house at n 303 E Bronson St unsafe and an emergency situation that the village needs to remedy immediately . Ayes 4 Mayor Eves, Trustees Nutting, Stevenson, O Connell. Nays 0.**

The Village Trustees have given Mayor Eves the authority to schedule and approve the necessary contractors, any necessary meetings, or hearings involved with this property.

The village will hire contractor Keith Wager to take down the metal roofing as soon as possible . The Village DPW will crush the metal and secure it on the property. All expense will be billed to Mr Garvin.

Motion Trustee O Connell second Trustee Nutting to adjourn at 10:40 am . Ayes 4 Mayor Eves, Trustees Nutting, Stevenson and O Connell. Nays 0