

the building down in the event this does not occur.

The Chair asked why the County is involved in the condemnation of buildings. Mr. Marko stated that Mr. Labriola condemns buildings. The Chair recognized Mr. DeRemer, who asked how much time is given to the owner of a condemned property to make repairs. Mr. Marko stated that this house will be torn down if nothing happens in the next couple of months. Mr. DeRemer asked if the bank will be notified. Mr. Marko said the bank will be notified.

The Chair recognized Law Director Russ Balthis, who stated that this home was damaged in the May 12th storm last year. The City has been communicating with all the owners and interested parties. The City Engineer has been working with the owners to alleviate the situation

The Chair recognized Mrs. Pyke who asked which agency will monitor this property. Mr. Balthis stated that Mr. Demasi is the building official and is responsible for this function. The Building Department would be the agency to authorize demolition, if the authority is granted by Council. It would then be the decision of the City Engineer.

Mrs. Pyke requested that Council be notified when the decision is made to tear the building down. Mr. Balthis stated that the City Engineer "can do that."

The Chair recognized Mr. Colavecchio, who asked who would pay for the cost of demolition. Mr. Balthis stated the cost would be assessed to the property taxes of the property owner. Mr. Colavecchio asked about the likelihood that this money would ever be collected. Mr. Balthis stated that the demolition costs exist as a lien on the property and whoever would purchase it subsequently would

require clear title, thus requiring the lien to be resolved. Mr. Colavecchio asked what would happen if the sale price is too low to cover the lien. Mr. Balthis stated that the lien would remain until the City is paid.

There was no opponent testimony. There was no public comment.

Motion by Mr. Weinhardt to release Temp Ord. B-33 with a favorable recommendation. Seconded by Mr. DeRemer. Motion adopted by acclamation.

Temp. Ord. B-34

An ordinance authorizing the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation to apply for and enter into an agreement for the Summit County Community Grant for the professional services for the Keyser Park Farmstead design and development; [sic] authorizing the payment of the local share, and declaring an emergency.

Proponent testimony was offered by Park & Recreation Superintendent Ed Stewart who stated that the City hopes to obtain a grant that will be used to obtain complete architectural drawings for the farmhouse restoration.

The Chair stated that the grant is for \$7,500, and the City will need to match this in a like amount, which will come from the Recreation Levy Fund. Mr. Stewart stated this is correct.

The Chair stated that the restoration work will cost approximately \$130,000. Mr. Stewart stated this is a preliminary estimate from a previous review. Full architectural drawings will help the City obtain further grant funds to complete the project.

The Chair stated that the farmhouse is 800 square feet and its restoration will involve no plumbing. The plan is to restore it to its original condition. Mr. Stewart stated this is correct.

The Chair asked if the Northhampton Historical Society would use this building as their office. Mr. Stewart stated that this has not been

decided. Its most likely use would be as a museum.

The Chair asked if this building would be condemned if the effort to restore it is not undertaken. Mr. Stewart stated that this is a possibility if there is no movement on this in the near future.

The Chair recognized Mr. Weinhardt, who asked what he (Mr. Stewart) would like to see happen at the house. Mr. Stewart stated that a museum or office would be appropriate if it is consistent with the other uses of the park. A consultant is currently working on the master plan for Keyser park. However, the City is not 100% committed to any particular type of programming there.

Mr. Weinhardt asked it could be used as a playground. Mr. Stewart stated the house is not appropriate for that use, but the park as a whole is 75 acres.

Mr. Weinhardt asked if there will be meeting rooms. Mr. Stewart stated the effort is about historic preservation more than anything else.

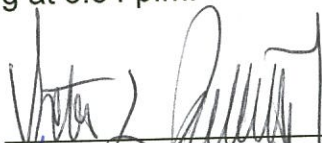
The Chair recognized Mrs. Pyke, who asked when the previous study of the building was made. Mr. Stewart stated it was 8 or 9 years ago. The estimate was \$133,000. Mr. Stewart stated the City will not have a new estimate for restoration costs until these drawings are complete. Mrs. Pyke asked if any restoration work would be reviewed first by the Historic Design and Review Board. Mr. Stewart said it would. Mrs. Pyke asked if it is typical that the authority to apply for and accept a grant would be given to the Superintendent and not the Park & Recreation Board of Park, inasmuch as the Park Board will authorize the application. Mr. Stewart stated that he does need the approval of the Park Board, but this issue came up "last minute" and it has not yet been discussed with the Board. Mrs. Pyke asked if there is a deadline for the application. Mr. Stewart said the deadline is May 15th.

There was no opponent testimony. There was no public comment.

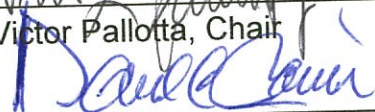
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Seconded by Mr. DeRemer. Motion adopted by acclamation.

Adjournment

Without objection, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.



Victor Pallotta, Chair



Paul A. Janis, Clerk of Council