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BOARD OF HEALTH  
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 1, 2017

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CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Hoyt called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Peter Hoyt, Vice-Chairman David Rhoads, Bruce Shepley, Tom Romaniak (Code Enforcement), Pam Gerry (Administrative Assistant)

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Jack Guerino, (iBerkshires), William & Pam Martischnig, Arthur "Skip" Harrington, Paul Laliberte (PJ's Trash & Appliance Removal)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the Sep 6 & Oct 11 meetings were circulated. B. Shepley moved to accept & D. Rhoads seconded. Both meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- William Martischnig noted an unsecure sign at 11 Quaker St. He had tried to secure it, but it continued to bang. T. Romaniak agreed to investigate the issue.
- Mr. Laliberte arrived at approximately 4:30 after both the Public Comment period & consideration of his truck signage (see below). We opened the floor to him at approximately 4:45. A "wide-ranging" discussion ensued regarding signage guidelines & other trash hauler issues. Ultimately, we strongly encouraged Mr. Laliberte to upgrade his truck sign to avoid a citation. He verbally agreed to do so.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**CLOSED CASES:**

- 2 Grove St.: Property cleaned, apartment passed inspection. Closure approved unanimously.
- 21 Murray St. / Maria Critelli: Case closed last month, but a new complaint was lodged. T. Romaniak characterized the recent clean-up as satisfactory. Closure was approved unanimously.

**CURRENT CASES:**

- 23½ Murray St.: Half-brother is continuing to work on the place. Porch debris & urine-stained rugs removed. Rehab is going well but we agreed to keep the case open until completion.
- 29-31 Burt St.: Yard was cleaned up, but unregistered vehicles remain. Keep open (see citation below).
- 29 Orchard St.: Son is continuing to work on removing unregistered vehicles. Keep open until completed.
- Laliberte truck signage non-compliance: B. Shepley observed uncovered truck in street Oct 24 & D. Rhoads had an extended telephone conversation with Mr. Laliberte on Oct 25 regarding the signage guidelines. Given the apparent lack of compliance, we agreed to reconsider this violation next month (see above).
- 13 Grant St.: There was a complaint regarding vermin on the property. Treasurer K. Rice has assisted in resolving this problem. On visiting the property today (Nov 1), T. Romaniak observed that trash was gone & that he provided advice on extermination. We agreed to keep this case open for the time being.

**VIOLATIONS:**

- 29-31 Burt St.: 2 unregistered vehicles on property. T. Romaniak sent a citation & will follow up.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Tobacco Grant: P. Hoyt confirmed with Jim Wilusz that Adams had provided all the necessary documents to be included in his grant application due next month (December).
- Upcoming BCBOHA Fall Dinner, Nov 9, at the Pittsfield CC: B. Shepley confirmed that we are registered.

- Curtis Paper Mill, 115 Howland St.: Dumpsters from the rogue hauler have been removed. Owed back taxes are a long-standing issue. Unregistered vehicles remain on property but may not be a violation. The site remains an eyesore. B. Shepley noted that this issue is multi-agency issue. P. Hoyt will confer with Town Administrator Mazzucco & Town Counsel to develop strategies.
- Liquid Mercury in Transfer Station HazMat shed: Linda Cernik informed the BOH 10/20 that she found a bottle of unknown provenance potentially containing mercury in the TS HazMat shed. L. Cernik conferred with a Franklin Co. solid waste colleague, who verified that it was mercury, & recommended disposal via a Household Hazardous Waste center. The mercury was picked up 10/24; the minimal \$3 fee was waived.
- Town Transfer Station open for household trash: Today was the first day the TS opened as a paid permit facility, also accepting household trash. The subscription rate was higher than expected (>250) so more stickers will have to be ordered. Users were largely supportive, with a number reporting that they had already canceled their curbside pick-up service. Republic is expected to deliver a compactor soon.
- Berkshire Public Health Alliance as Title V agent: P. Gerry sent a letter to BPHA naming them as an authorized agent for Title V inspections in Adams. The Board thanked Ms. Gerry.
- Adams Emergency Management Plan: P. Hoyt had contacted Town Administrator T. Mazzucco 10/19, but hasn't heard back yet. T. Romaniak received a flash drive of the Plan from Richard Kleiner. He gave it to P. Hoyt to circulate it to the Board. We plan to address this issue in more detail at the next regular meeting.
- BOH representative of BPHA: D. Rhoads confirmed his willingness to serve in this capacity & plans to attend the Nov 30 meeting. A. Harrington agreed to remain as alternative (he has been attending in the absence of BOH representation) & that the BOS had approved this alternate status. He will continue to attend when he can. He & D. Rhoads will coordinate to assure that at least one will attend going forward.
- Emergency Dispensing Site: B. Shepley asked that we table this discussion until our next regular meeting.
- A yet newer list of Trash Haulers in Adams was provided by P. Gerry.

#### FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- Propane tank acceptance at the Town TS: On the recommendation of T. Romaniak, we agreed that tanks should not be accepted for the time being, pending further study. Concerns included storage space & safety, administrative burden, as well as the ready availability of local refilling stations to accept "expired" tanks. D. Rhoads offered to create a handout to outline this policy & to list those filling stations known to accept such tanks (provided by L. Cernik).
- B. Shepley noted that he has continued to relay emergency weather update via the Town Facebook page. P. Hoyt acknowledged the value of these posts & thanked Mr. Shepley for his efforts.

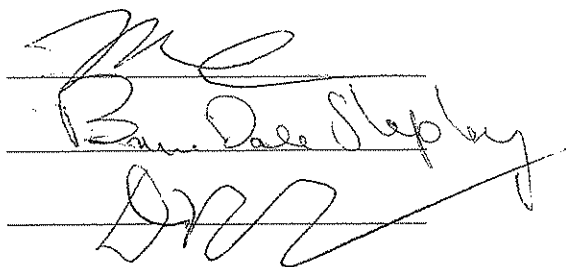
**REVIEW MAIL:** No mail of apparent import has arrived since our last regular meeting.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting is scheduled for Dec 6, 2017 at 4:00 pm.

**ADJOURN:** B. Shepley moved to adjourn at 4:55 pm, seconded by D. Rhoads & passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date 12/6/17

  
Ben Dale Shepley

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