

DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORT – NOVEMBER 9, 2020

Members: Zimmerman, Chairman; Reinhold, Vice Chairman; Barr, Member; Weiler, Alternate; Harris, Staff

Attendees: Zimmerman, Chairman; Reinhold, Vice Chairman; Weiler, Alternate; Harris, Staff; Rowe, Council President; Thompson, Staff

The Development Activities Committee met on October 26, 2020, and discussed the following:

Action Items:

1. The Committee reviewed one new HVAC repair invoice for the Ephrata Public Library. This invoice will be paid out of the borough building maintenance fund. The Committee is recommending that Borough Council authorize a payment of \$1,436.00 directly to Vertex Mechanical, Inc., at the November Council meeting.
2. The Committee reviewed two requests regarding the property at 833 Spring Garden Street. The Borough acquired the property in 2006 from Harlan (Tuffy) Zimmerman and he was allowed to live there until his death. He passed away in the spring. Staff assessed the property and it will require significant funds to maintain and update the property and there is no intended use of the property. Staff is recommending that the property be demolished in 2021 using Capital Project Funds. In addition, the Pioneer Fire Company submitted a request to use the house for training. Some of the training would be non-destructive and some of it would be destructive. The training should be non-destructive until such time as the demolition of the building is scheduled. After the demolition is scheduled, destructive training can occur. President Rowe suggested that training opportunities be extended to Lincoln Fire Company along with Pioneer Fire Company. The Committee is recommending that Borough Council authorize the demolition of the property at 833 Spring Garden Street and allow Pioneer and Lincoln Fire Companies to do training as noted at the November Council Meeting.