

TRUSTEE COMMITTEE MEETING – March 20, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Lonnie Mosley at 6:30 p.m. Roll call was taken, showing a quorum present as follows.

Members Attended:

Lonnie Mosley
Marty Crawford
Harry Hollingsworth
Scott Greenwald
Andy Bittle
Roy Mosley, Jr.
Courtney Moore- 6:35 p.m.

Members Absent

Others Attending:

Whitney Strohmeyer, Tax Agent Office
Keith St. Pierre, Tax Agent Office
Mike Mitchell, Demolition Coordinator

1. MINUTES:

A motion was made by Mr. Mosley, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Hollingsworth to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2024, Trustee Committee Meeting. Motion carried.

2. TAX AGENT'S REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS:

- a. **Revolving Account Activity:** The Revolving Account Activity Report for February 2024 shows a Beginning Balance of \$147,658.49, Receipts of \$3,415.25 Total Disbursements of \$837.38, Allocated Pool Interest in the amount of \$363.04 with a Balance at Month End of \$150,599.40.
- b. **Payment Account Activity:** The Payment Account Activity Report for February 2024 shows a Beginning Balance of \$888,333.23 and a Balance at Month End of \$722,838.74.
- c. **Monthly Redemption Reports:**
The Real Estate Monthly Redemption Report for February 2024 shows the Amount of Penalty as \$6,591.92, the Amount of Tax as \$53,322.16, Year to Date Totals of the Amount of Penalty as \$17,594.60 and the Year-to-Date Amount of Tax as \$137,585.53. The Total Collected Year to Date is \$155,180.13.

The Mobile Home Monthly Redemption Report for February 2024 shows the Amount of Penalty as \$946.97, the Amount of Tax as \$2,886.56, Year to Date Totals of the Amount of Penalty as \$1,401.37 and the Year-to-Date Amount of Tax as \$4,185.51. The Total Collected Year to Date is \$5,586.88.
- d. **Monthly Resolution List:** During the month of March 2024 there were 96 resolutions presented to the Committee for consideration showing a Total Collected of \$184,329.69; total to County Clerk of \$7,708.83; total to Auctioneer of \$0.00, total to Recorder of Deeds \$6,936.50, total to Agent of \$58,068.27, Misc. Overpayment fee \$18.48, total to County Treasurer of \$111,597.61 and a total to County of \$126,242.94.
- e. **Update Report:**
Raymond Wilbourn – Account #201801374- To pay \$1,035 by 3/8/24. Paid \$780 on 3/8/24 and to pay \$255 by 3/22/24 per Mr. Strohmeyer

- f. **Auction Report:** None

A motion was made by Mr. Mosley, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Hollingsworth to approve the tax agent reports. Motion carried.

3. **VISITORS' REQUESTS:**

- a. **Down Payment Accounts:** Mr. Strohmeyer presented a list of accounts on which down payments have been paid and a six (6) month time payment extension granted. A motion was made by Mr. Greenwald and seconded by Mr. Crawford to accept the down payments and extensions. Motion carried.
- b. **Payment in Full Accounts:** Mr. Strohmeyer presented a list of the accounts paid in full.
- c. **Kevin Wallace & Clint Forsythe- Belleville Community Development Corporation:** Mr. Wallace and Mr. Forsythe asked if they could purchase 109 N. Oak for the minimum bid. BCDC works with the Grants Department to restore homes in the community and then sells the property at a specific price range to citizens who met certain requirements, putting the property back on the tax roll. The committee asked if there would be recognition on advertising for the property. Mr. Wallace and Mr. Forsythe said yes it would be advertised. Mr. Strohmeyer said he researches all corporations and that BCDC is in good standing. Mr. Moore asked if they restore homes beyond the Belleville area because there is a need for this in other communities. Mr. Wallace and Mr. Forsythe said there are other groups like them in county- one on the west end of Belleville and one in East St. Louis. A motion was made by Mr. Mosley, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Greenwald to approve the purchase of the property in the amount of \$786. Motion carried.
- d. **Anthony McDonald:** Mr. McDonald requested an extension with time payments on account #201901409. The property is located at 7111 Laguna Drive in East St. Louis. The account is delinquent in taxes in the amount of \$4,742.12. A motion was made by Mr. Mosley, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Moore to accept a down payment of \$900 and to pay \$49 by 4/19/24 and approve of a six (6) month extension with full County Board approval. Motion carried.
- e. **David Ayers:** Mr. Ayers requested a reinstatement with time payments on account #201700754. The property is located at 737 Veronica Avenue in East St. Louis. The account is delinquent in taxes in the amount of \$3,961.72. The property is in the auction. A motion was made by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Crawford to accept a down payment of \$800 and approve a six (6) month extension with full County Board approval. Motion carried.
- f. **Carolyn Holloway & Ruth Mason:** Ms. Holloway & Ms. Mason requested an extension with time payments on account #201803172. The property is located at 4222 Bond Avenue in Cahokia Heights. The account is delinquent in taxes in the amount of \$8,361.02. A motion was made by Mr. Crawford and seconded by Mr. Greenwald to accept a down payment of \$1,700 and approve a six (6) month extension with full County Board approval. Motion carried.
- g. **Reva Young by Sandi Young:** Ms. Young requested an extension with time payments on account #201804381. The property is located at 4806 Caseyville Avenue in Washington Park. The account is delinquent in taxes in the amount of \$4,964.99. A motion was made by Mr. Hollingsworth and seconded by Mr. Mosley, Jr. to accept a down payment of \$800 and to pay \$189 by 4/19/24 and to approve of a six (6) month extension with full County Board approval. Motion carried.
- h. **Dwayne Wilson:** Mr. Wilson requested a reinstatement with time payments on account #201803232. The property is located at 502 S. 50th Street in Cahokia Heights. The account is delinquent in taxes in the amount of \$3,972.33. The property is in the auction. A motion was made by Mr. Mosley, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Hollingsworth to accept a down payment of \$800 and to approve of a six (6) month extension with full County Board approval. Motion carried.

- i. **Reginald Welch & Carol Guy:** Mr. Welch & Ms. Guy requested a reinstatement with time payments on account #201800396. The property is located at 3246 Forest Avenue in East St. Louis. The account is delinquent in taxes in the amount of \$5,134.42. A motion was made by Mr. Hollingsworth and seconded by Mr. Moore to accept a down payment of \$1,010 and to approve of a six (6) month extension with full County Board approval. Motion carried.
- j. **Bryan Watson by Whitney Strohmeier:** Mr. Watson requested an extension with time payments on account #201501763. The property is located at 504-506 N. 27th Street in East St. Louis. The account is delinquent in taxes in the amount of \$11,082.65. A motion was made by Mr. Mosley, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Moore to accept a down payment of \$2,300 and to approve of a six (6) month extension. Motion carried.

4. **DEMOLITION PROGRAM:**

Mr. Mitchell informed the committee that Hank's Excavating has finished the demolition and filling of the 33 properties in Washington Park. Mr. Mitchell said they are working on the demolition of Attucks School and the only thing left is the foundation. Mr. Mitchell said they should be done soon. Mr. Mitchell said they removed the trees that were inside the fenced area but are waiting on Hank's to get a bid to remove trees on the 3 remaining sides of the property.

Mr. Mitchell said Merritt the tree trimmer removed the tree on 43rd Street and submitted an invoice for \$2,500. Mr. Mitchell said he looked at the other property on 43rd Street that Mr. Hollingsworth mentioned, and it is owned by David Anderson. Mr. Strohmeier said we can't remove trees since we don't own it and would have to get Code Enforcement involved.

Mr. Mitchell presented two invoices from Hank's in the amount of \$42,025 for the demolition of the three extra houses and \$61,900 for the remainder of the Washington Park demolition. Mr. Mitchell presented an invoice for MS Mitch Consulting in the amount of \$1,500 for the demolition of the three extra houses.

A motion was made by Mr. Mosley, Jr. and seconded by Mr. Bittle to pay the invoices and accept the demolition report given by Mr. Mitchell.

5. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

None

6. **ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Mr. Greenwald and seconded by Mr. Bittle to adjourn at 7:13 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Lonnie Mosley, Chairman, St. Clair County Trustee Committee