

December 5th, 2016

REPORT TO THE CITY CLERK
AND THE
ALLENTOWN CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

REQUEST FOR STREET VACATION

RE: Request for the Vacation of a portion of N. Folk Street from E. Claire Street to E. Westminster Street.

Requested by:
John Troxell Jr.
809 N. Fenwick Street
Allentown PA 18109
(Owner 215-221 N. Fenwick Street)

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City of Allentown Department of Public Works

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HISTORY OF THE PORTION OF THE STREET PROPOSED TO BE VACATED:

The portion of street proposed to be vacated is in the 14th Ward. N. Folk Street was created by the Subdivision Plan of "East Allentown Land Association Property of Alfred J. Clader" laid out in 1903 as part of Hanover Township and was known as Spruce Street. The City annexed this portion of Hanover Township and accepted the existing street system on December 1st, 1911. On April 26th, 1920 by Ordinance No. 1057 City Council renamed Spruce Street to N. Folk Street.

LOCATION AND CONDITION:

The subject street to be vacated has a twenty foot right-of-way. The street is opened and improved with paving and stone surface. If the subject street vacation is granted, the underling owners could assimilate the vacated property into fee simple ownership by deed.

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POLLS CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

Keith Morris, Chief of Police has no objection to the street vacation

Lee Laubach, Fire Chief has no objection to the street vacation.

Dennis Weatherhold, Communications has not replied.

Richard Rasch, Utility Engineer has no objection to the street vacation provided that a drainage and access easement is provided along the east side of the alley. Also note that if new curbing is to be placed along the North curb of Westminster St., then the existing inlet will need to be relocated.

Nelson Varughese, Traffic Control Superintendent has no objection to the street vacation.

POLLS UTILITIES:

Verizon Communications has not replied.

PPL Electric Utilities has not replied.

UGI Utilities, Inc. has not replied.

LCA has not replied.

POLL ADJOINING OWNER:

Thomas Hoffman, the owner of 635-643 Westminster Street *OBJECTS to the Street Vacation. "Traffic concerns and parking used as a thru street for residents.

Everett Inc., the owner of 213 N. Fenwick Street, has not replied.

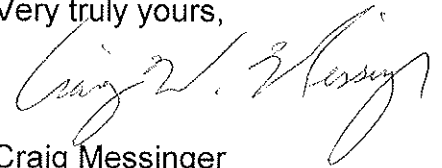
223 Hanover St. LLC, the owner of 223 N Fenwick St has not replied.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Bureau of Engineering has no objection to the subject street vacation provided that permanent easements for access, drainage, and existing utilities if any are provided by each of the following: the applicant whom is the owner of 215-221 N. Fenwick Street, the owner of 635-643 Westminster Street, the owner of 213 N. Fenwick street and the owner of 223 N. Fenwick Street. It shall be noted the recommendation applies only to the Street vacation and does not grant any approval or rights for the applicant to perform future improvements to his property. Also contrary to our recommendation, the applicant petitioned for a Street Vacation without easements.

Very truly yours,



Craig Messinger
Public Works Director

Attachments

xc: Steve Neratko, Director of Planning
Susan Wild, City Solicitor
Michael P. Hanlon, City Clerk
Craig Messinger, Public Works Director

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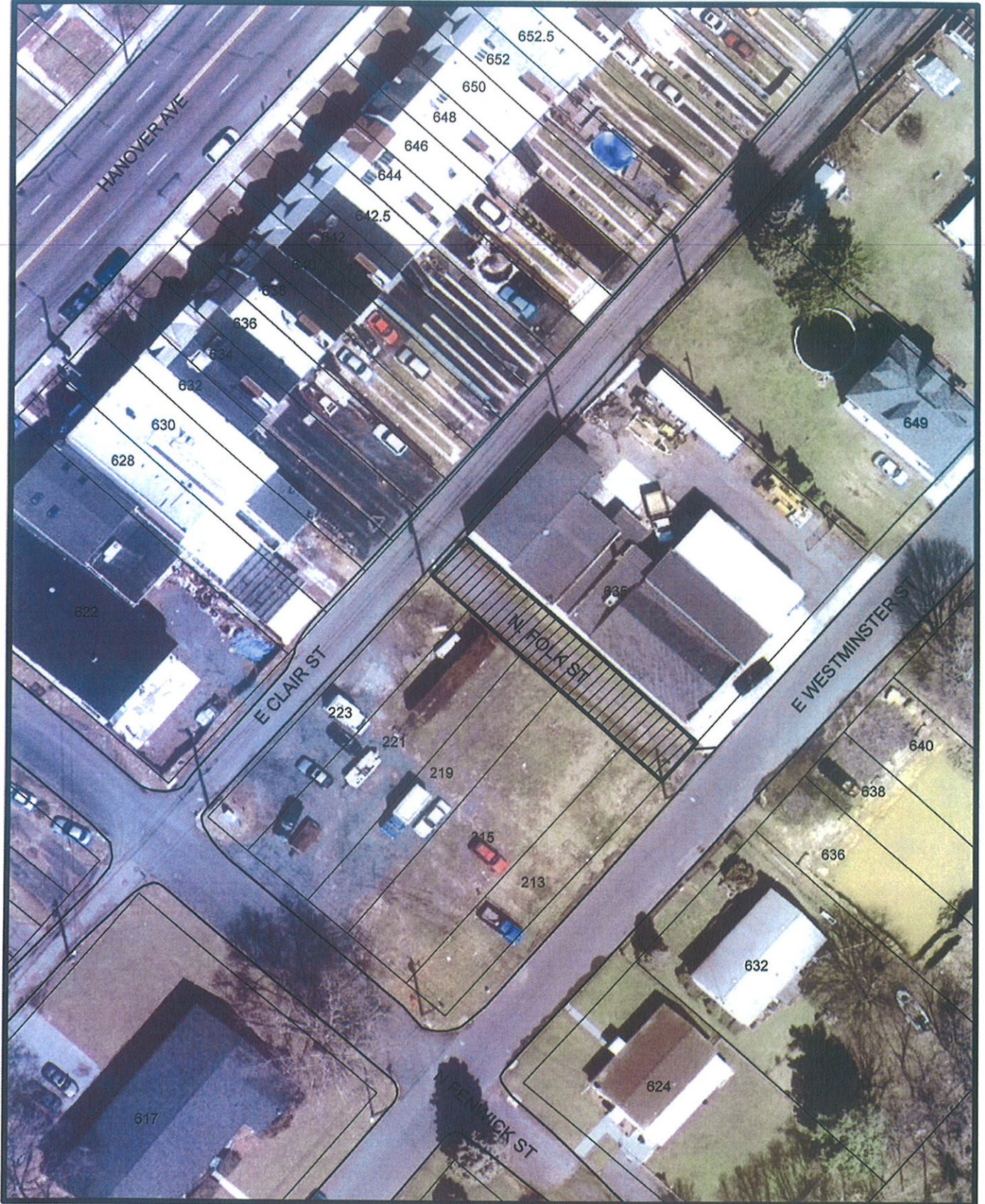


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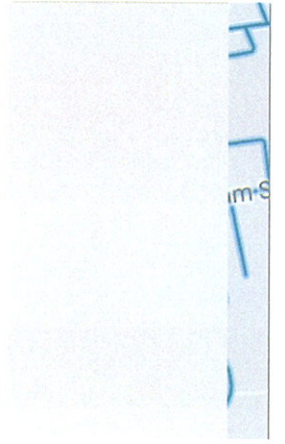




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