

Town Demolishes Burned Out Zombie House in Shirley

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Farmingville, NY – On January 31, Supervisor Ed Romaine (left) and Councilman Dan Panico (right) were in Shirley for the demolition of a burned out vacant house located at 25 Corbin Avenue. It was the Town's second demolition of 2017. The house, which sustained fire damage more than a year ago, was the source of numerous resident complaints and Town building code violations dating back to 2011. It was demolished by the Town in accordance with Chapter 73 of the Town Code which provides a "fast track" to rid neighborhoods of unsafe structures. The cost of demolition and debris removal is the responsibility of the property owner, and the Town places a lien on the property that is then placed on the tax bill. The County reimburses the Town and then they collect the money from the property owner.

Supervisor Romaine said, "This house was a dangerous eyesore in a neighborhood where people take pride in their homes. I am committed to doing whatever we can to demolish houses that impact negatively on the quality of life and property values in the community. Thanks to the efforts of our Law Department we are cleaning up neighborhoods across Brookhaven Town."

Councilman Panico said, "The most aggressive crackdown on suburban blight in the history of Brookhaven Town will continue. Dangerous eyesores like this not only detract from the aesthetic of a community, but significantly lower the value of neighboring homeowners. This Town is serious about raising the standard of living for all, because people deserve to live in clean communities."

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