Is there a better way?

Newcomers to Pottstown are likely to judge us on the appearance of our streets — especially our main travel routes, such as King Street.

Recently, the YWCA acquired the double house next to its building at 315 King Street. (Two more properties off the tax rolls.)

The YWCA’s director recently told Pottstown Council the Y has not yet decided what to do with the property.

But because homeless people have been using the building, the borough codes department boarded it up.

As shown in the photo below, the building was rather attractive before it was closed up with plywood.

Now, boarded up, the building is a glaring source of blight at a very visible location.

If the building had been boarded up from the inside, with the plywood painted black, it would appear as if it was still being used.

More expensive, yes, but far better for the appearance of the town.

323-325 King Street before and after it was boarded up by the borough codes department.