

PRESENT: Alan Gowell and Donna Goodale, members of the Board; Jo-Ann Resendes, Principal Assessor; Ed Pierce, Data Collector/Office Assistant and Cindy Bonnell, Administrative Assistant.

The acting Chairman, Mr. Gowell, opened the meeting at 3:08PM.

After motion made and seconded, the minutes of the February 17, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

The Board reviewed a letter from Marie Larsen concerning the fines for not filing an income and expense form and being fined \$250.00. Her business is owner occupied. Mr. Gowell felt that fining a taxpayer that only had to write owner occupied on the form wasn't fair. He questioned what the cover letter which is mailed with the request form said and if it was clear that taxpayers only have to write "owner occupied" on it. He reviewed the cover letter. Jo-Ann had already sent out a response to Marie Larsen in answer to her question if all taxpayers who did not fill out the form were fined. This will be revisited at the next meeting. Fred Mascolo has written a letter asking the board to remove his fine because it is a vacant lot that he doesn't rent out. It was noted that there have been a few other requests from taxpayers for the fine to be removed. After a lengthy discussion it was determined to wait until all three Board members are present to make a decision.

A letter was received from Morning Glory Farm. Mr. Athearn provided the information which had been requested to clarify his 61A application. No action was required on this letter.

The Board voted to abate uncollectible taxes submitted by the Tax Collector as follows:

2006 Motor Vehicle \$ 1,671.25 2009 Motor Vehicles \$28.75 2013 Motor Vehicles \$67.50 2014 Motor Vehicles \$67.50 2011 Personal Property \$ 52.26 and 2014 Personal Property \$66.03

At 3:35PM Mr. Gowell motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss abatement applications and exemption applications, and to return to regular session when finished. Mr. Gowell and Ms. Goodale, aye.

At 4:00 PM the Board returned to regular session

After motion made and seconded, the following exemption was granted:

Clause 41C (Elderly) Peter Van Tassel

After motion made and seconded, the Board made the following decisions on abatement applications:

CIL Realty/Seven Hills Community Services/Seven Hills Foundation (FY2015 assessed owner Joseph Araujo) parcel 11-2.35 -- denied for FY2015. The exemption application was approved for FY2016.

Bryan Welz & Peter & Mary Delaney parcel 6-62 – abated, likely unbuildable.

Jo-Ann reported to the Board that the Rorer ATB case for FY2011 will be withdrawn.

The next meeting will be posted for April 13, 2015 at 3:00 PM.

After motion made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 4:02PM.

Respectfully submitted: