

Biwabik Township 2022 Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting

6555 Oak Drive, Gilbert, MN

Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 11:00 AM

Call to Order: 11:00 AM by Chairman Hautala

Present: Supervisors Hautala, Paris, and Hall, Clerk Highland.

St. Louis County Appraisers: Shaun Hainey and Rebecca

Residents: Kathleen & Len Wagner, Louis Russo, David Ekern, Miles Nygaard, Gregory Skalko, Glen Aho, John Lahti, Mike Smolich, Steve Peterson, and Caroline Soyring.

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited

Appeals:

Ten people appeared to appeal in person. Letters were received from seven concerned tax payers and one resident called during the meeting. Appraiser Hainey had also received phone calls.

Appeals were discussed in person with the Board, Appraisers, and residents. Supervisor Paris feels the State has set unfair guidelines for the township to comply with. The Township is only allowed to make a total change of 1% worth of the entire township's value. He would like to see the township push back to the state and drop everyone in the township by just .999%. There was much discussion about this idea and it was decided that Shaun Hainey would meet with appellants to re-inspect properties. The meeting would be recessed to discuss any findings.

Recessed: Chairman Hautala to recessed the meeting at 2:38 P.M. until Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 9:00 AM.

Reconvened LBAE

Wednesday, April 27, 2022 at 9:00 AM

Call to Order: 9:10 AM by Vice-Chairman Hall

Present: Supervisors Hall and Paris, Clerk Highland

St. Louis County Appraiser: Shaun Hainey

Resident: David Ekern

Absent: Chairman Hautala

Pledge of Allegiance: Recited

Appeals:

Thomas Russ- 260-0036-00080 **Motion** by Supervisor Paris, seconded by Supervisor Hall to approve the Assessor's recommendations and lower the EMV by \$17,300.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Katie Giblin- 260-6040-00080 **Motion** by Supervisor Paris, seconded by Supervisor Hall to approve the Assessor's recommendations and lower the EMV by \$9,600.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Richard Harju- 260-0050-00050 **Motion** by Supervisor Hall, seconded by Supervisor Paris to approve the Assessor's recommendations and lower the EMV by \$26,800.00. Motion carried unanimously.

David Ekern- 260-6040-00110 he met with the Board at the regular meeting and the reconvene. He feels the sales time gap between his purchase and tax appraisal should be fixed. He has submitted his sales agreement and appraisal from his purchase. He would like to see the EMV set at \$475,000.00. **Motion** by Supervisor Paris, seconded by Supervisor Hall to approve the Assessor's recommendations and lower the EMV by \$34,800.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Supervisor Paris, seconded by Supervisor Hall to apply no change to the following parcels because the owners either denied an inspection and/or understood the increase due to sales in the area:

Jay Strohmaier- 260-0021-00130
Michael Gillitzer- 260-6030-00540
Frank Russo- 260-0040-00180
Miles Nygaard- 260-0015-00062
Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Supervisor Paris, seconded by Supervisor Hall to apply no change to the following parcels because there was no reply when Appraiser Hainey requested to inspect properties:

Gregory Jarvela- 260-0015-00593
Kurt Larson- 260-6030-00310
Pat Carey- 260-6030-00630 & 260-6030-00275
Sean Carey- 260-0020-00025, 260-0014-00185, 260-0036-00100, 260-0036-00110, 260-0036-00120, 260-0036-00130, & 260-0036-00140
Steven Peterson- 260-0030-00080
Caroline Soyring- 260-0015-00250
Motion carried unanimously.

Greg Skalko- 260-0015-00870 **Motion** by Supervisor Paris, seconded by Supervisor Hall to approve the Assessor's recommendations and apply no change, options to reduce EMV were discussed during the meeting (demo building). Motion carried unanimously.

Kathleen Wagner- 260-6030-00830 **Motion** by Supervisor Paris, seconded by Supervisor Hall to approve the Assessor's recommendations and lower the EMV by \$7,100.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Michael Smolich- 260-004000140 **Motion** by Supervisor Hall, seconded by Supervisor Paris to approve the Assessor's recommendations and lower the EMV by \$17,700.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Shelly Rask- 260-0030-00100 **Motion** by Supervisor Hall, seconded by Supervisor Paris to approve the Assessor's recommendations and lower the EMV by \$6,800.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Glen Aho- 260-0016-00305 **Motion** by Supervisor Paris, seconded by Supervisor Hall to approve the Assessor's recommendations and apply no change, the re-inspection did not fall in Aho's favor. Motion carried unanimously.

John Anderson- 260-0016-00345 **Motion** by Supervisor Paris, seconded by Supervisor Hall to approve the Assessor's recommendations and apply no change due to no contact made. His previous record was reviewed during the meeting and it did not seem an inspection would fall in his favor. Motion carried unanimously.

Eric Hendrickson- 260-6030-00790 **Motion** by Supervisor Paris, seconded by Supervisor Hall to approve the Assessor's recommendations to apply no change as an inspection is set for May 20, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Clerk's Note: The detailed minutes from the assessor are attached to these minutes.

Adjourn: Motion by Supervisor Paris, seconded by Supervisor Hall to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 AM. Motion carried unanimously.

Walter W. Haulala
Chairperson:

6/13/2022
Date:

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Attest by Clerk: