

LOCAL BOARD OF APPEAL & EQUALIZATION MEETING
MINUTES: APRIL 18, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All together

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cindy VanderWeyst – Mayor, Jeff Blenkush, Gene Skaj, Danita Traut, Tom Vouk – Council, Cris Drais – City Clerk

SIGN IN SHEET: No one in attendance for the meeting.

Michelle Hinnenkamp and Jake Pidde from the Stearns County Assessor's Office came to hear citizen's comments about the 2017 real estate tax they have been assessed to be paid in 2018.

The Council received a 2017 Assessment/Sales Ratio Information explanation and sales information packet.

For the 2017 assessment there were 8 residential sales during the sales study period of October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016. The median sales ratio was 89.22%.

Residential: 8 sales with a change in the market value of a (+) 4-6% increase.
Agricultural-Market (Tillable & Non-Tillable) Values: Change of (+) 0-1% decrease.
Agricultural-Green Acres/Rural Preserve Values: No change.
New Construction total is \$737,000: Change of (+)52% from 2016.


Michelle's presentation stated that according to sales, values have been consistently low. The Department of Revenue wants the County to be within 90-105% of the sale price (typically around 95%). To keep within the Department of Revenue guidelines, Michelle went up in value on residential properties. The County also went up on well and septic values throughout the County by +1/2% overall.


Discussion took place regarding hosting an Open Book meeting at City Hall vs the Appeals and Equalization Meeting being hosted by the City Council. Jake Pidde will send the Clerk information for changing to this type of meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further tax business, Jeff Blenkush made motion to adjourn. Gene Skaj seconded the motion. Motion carried.

TIME: 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,


Cris M Drais
City Clerk


Cindy VanderWeyst
Mayor

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