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Local Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting

The LBAE Meeting was called to order at 10:02 am by Chairperson Kurt Johnson. Present were Dale Larson, Tarah Vitek, Kurt Johnson, Supervisors; Amanda Ellefson, Clerk; Jon Osterberg and County Staff, St. Louis County; Christine Wolvin, Barbara Hussey, Keevin & Cindy Malbrett, Lauri Annoni.

Discussion began with regard to a 10% increase on buildings for improvement value. Jon confirmed that all property owners have received this increase.

Christine Wolvin addressed the Board about consistently seeing increases in her property value while her adjoining neighbor has not received similar increases over several years. Jon looked at the map and coding and agreed that the neighboring property was not properly coded. Dale made a motion to reduce the improvement value to the 2021 value. Kurt seconded the motion and it passed.

Barbara Hussey approached the Board and argued that the sellable market for our area should decrease due to the rising gas prices and travel costs. She requests that her improvement value be adjusted back to the 2021 value as there have been no improvements. Dale made a motion to reduce the improvement value by the 10%, back to the 2021 value. Kurt seconded the motion. Tarah addressed that if the 10% increase is to all residents that she doesn't agree with the motion. Motion passed with 2 votes for (Dale and Kurt) 1 opposed (Tarah).

Keevin and Cindy Malbrett approached the Board in dispute of the 10% increase to improvement value. Dale made a motion to reduce the improvement value by 10%, back to the 2021 value. Kurt seconded the motion. Motion passed with 2 votes for (Dale and Kurt) 1 opposed (Tarah).

Lauri Annoni approached the Board in dispute of the increase on improvement value on two of her properties. Jon confirmed that both increases are due to the previously discussed 10% increase. Dale made a motion to reduce the improvement value by 10%, back to the 2021 value. Kurt seconded the motion. Motion passed with 2 votes for (Dale and Kurt) 1 opposed (Tarah).

A letter was presented from John and Kathleen Klassen. They explained that they sold a portion of their property and still received an increase on their property. Jon confirmed that this was again due to the 10% improvement value increase. Dale made a motion to reduce the improvement value by 10%, back to the 2021 value. Kurt seconded the motion. Motion passed with 2 votes for (Dale and Kurt) 1 opposed (Tarah).

A letter was presented from Nick Schneider stating that he owns property which is infested and decaying. He plead that he continues to see increases on his property value regardless of its current

condition. Jon confirmed that the value has gone up due to the 10% increase. He also said that he can reach out to the property owner to reassess the building to confirm its poor condition to make adjustments. Dale made a motion to reduce the improvement value by 10%, back to the 2021 value. Kurt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Dale Larson approached the Board in dispute of the increase on his improvement value. Jon confirmed that this is due to the 10% increase. Kurt made a motion to reduce the improvement value by 10%, back to the 2021 value. The motion failed without a second.

Kurt Johnson approached the Board with regard to the increase on his improvement value. He stated that there have been no improvements to the building nor does he have any planned. He requested the value be decreased by the 10%. Dale made a motion to reduce the improvement value by 10%, back to the 2021 value. The motion failed without a second

Tarah made a motion to adjourn. Dale seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:02 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Ellefson, Clerk