



Local Board of Appeal and Equalization

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

6 pm, 12165 Hancock Street

Meeting held with in person and zoom option

Town Board Members Present: Chair Brian Kolbinger, Vice Chair Brad Wilkening, Supervisor Joe Danielson, Supervisor Luke Babler, Supervisor Robin Boros, Clerk Lucinda Messman

Others Present: David Selbitschka – Deputy County Assessor, David Moore, Residential Appraiser, Randy Bader, David Panning (via zoom).

Tuesday, April 7, 2020 The Becker Town Board passed Resolution 2020-15: A Resolution Establishing the Ability Conduct Open Meetings by Telephone. January 1, 2021, the Town Board of Becker Township, Sherburne County, Minnesota, will continue to use the Zoom platform as an option for meeting attendance as long as a health pandemic exists or a peacetime emergency is declared under Minn. Stat. Ch. 12.

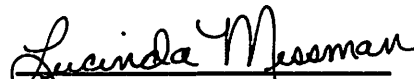
1. Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Kolbinger. Quorum verified, properly qualified Supervisors verified present.
2. Sherburne County Deputy Assessor and Residential Appraiser reviewed packet material with those present. [full text on file]
3. Open forum –
 - a. Randy Bader, parcel 05-419-0230. Valuations seem to increase quickly and seem artificially high at this time.
 - i. History of parcel and buildings discussed.
 - ii. Mr. Bader had contacted the Assessor's office prior and they were able to go out and review the property and interior of buildings. An adjustment was recommended as the garage does not have heat.
 - iii. Recommendation of a \$1,000 decrease in property value was made by the Assessor, documentation of calculations was distributed [full text on file].
 - iv. **Motion to approve a \$1,000 decrease in property valuation by Boros. Second by Danielson. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
 - b. David Panning, parcel 05-312-1201. Valuation seems to be too high. Prices seem to be crazy at this time and wants to understand house values. 11 acres of swamp seems too low, 15 acres seems more appropriate.
 - i. History of parcel and buildings discussed.
 - ii. Determination of the swamp acreage discussed.
 - iii. Assessor stated an option to decrease tax value would be to use a managed forest plan and gave information to Mr. Panning to contact Kristie in their office.
 - iv. No changes recommended.

- v. **Motion to accept the no changes recommendation by Wilkening. Second by Boros. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- c. Dewayne & Brenda Sommerdorf (not present), parcels 05-114-1200, 1201, and 1300
 - i. During summer 2020, all Ag classified parcels were reviewed to verify Agricultural use. Property owners were to submit responses to their office. No response received as of 1/2/2021.
 - ii. In March and April of 2021, proper documentation, verifying Agricultural use of the land, was received.
 - iii. Recommend reclassification of land from Residential/Rural Vacant land to Agricultural use, decreasing valuation by \$105,000. Documentation of calculations was distributed [full text on file].
 - iv. **Motion to approve the \$105,000 decrease in property valuation by Wilkening. Second by Boros. Motion carried, all voting in favor.**
- 4. No other Township Residents present in person, by zoom or by contact.

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m..



Brian Kolbinger, Chair



Lucinda Messman, Clerk