

**Lanesboro City Council
Special Meeting
Monday, April 11, 2016
5:30pm**

Present: Robin Krom, Autumn Johnson, Jason Resseman, Tom Dybing and Tom Smith

Absent: None

Visitors: Cynthia Blagsvedt, Michael Brown, David Landro, Rick Speltz, Liz Bucheit, Mike Seiler, Paul Hamann, Rick Lamon, Betsy Holbrook, Kelly Kirkpatrick, Mark Gorman, Bethany Krom, Kathy Kasten, and Randall Arendt

Call to order the Special Council Meeting: (Mayor Krom) 5:30 p.m.

- A. Agenda: Council member Dybing motioned to approve the agenda. Council member Resseman seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Call to order the Board of Appeal & Equalization: (Mayor Krom) 5:31 p.m.

- A. Cynthia Blagsvedt with the Fillmore County Assessor's office was present to review the documents provided to the Council with regards to property values. At this time Cynthia Blagsvedt invited questions from the public.
- B. Rick Lamon:
1. Quonset property on Beacon St W, there was a 15% increase in the value, even though he had torn down a portion of the building. It was stated this was a flat increase to all commercial buildings.
 2. Stone Building on Beacon St E, this property decreased in value. It was noted this was most likely due to depreciation.
 3. Red Building and Railroad property on Beacon St E, Lamon would like to combine these two properties to be considered under Seasonal Rec. classification. Assessor's office will review the request.
 4. Green House property located on Auburn St S, Lamon believes the value of the property has been diminished due to the placement of the Pressure Reducing Valve station on the front of the property. Assessor's office will reassess the property and come to an agreement for 2017.
- C. David Landro: 398 Zenith Street. Received a notice of special assessment in the amount of \$77 from 2010. Administrator Peterson noted that should not be assessed to Landro, she will correct this with the Auditor/Treasurers office. Landro also had questions regarding the value of the property. Assessor's office will review the value of the property. Landro stated also that he is experiencing erosion due to a drainage issue; Peterson will have the situation evaluated.
- D. Rick Speltz: Questioned why the value of his property increased by 50% from last year. It was noted that the adjustment for improvements had been delayed from the last review.
- E. Michael Seiler and Liz Bucheit: Questioned the \$20,000 increase to their property value. Their property includes a commercial as well as a residential space on the second floor. They also questioned the variance of values between building on Parkway and Elmwood. The assessor's office will review the property values for 2017.

- F. Paul Hamann: Questions regarding the High Court Pub and the State General Tax. It was stated that the general tax was initially set up to help provide money to the schools; it is applied to all commercial properties. It was noted that the current legislature is considering lowering this amount. Hamann also stated to the Council to try to find ways to help small businesses. Specifically when it comes to financial assistance to renovating the buildings, perhaps with a tax credit. The assessor's office will review the property value.
- G. Betsy Holbrook: Questioned the increase to her property value. It was noted this was due to the general property value increase for residential properties.

Adjourn: Member Resseman motioned to adjourn the Board of Appeal & Equalization at 6:33 p.m. Motion seconded by Council member Johnson. Motion carried all in favor.

Reopen the Special Council Meeting: (Mayor Krom)

Concept Plan Community Feedback Update: Randall Arendt was present to provide the Council with an overview of the progress of the Concept Plan to date. He gave an in depth review of the options for consideration for the plan.

Adjourn: Member Resseman motioned to adjourn the special meeting at 7:30 p.m. Member Dybing seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Peterson
City Administrator/Clerk