

Board of Assessors Minutes

9/11/2023 at 6:00PM

1. Meeting brought to order at 6:05 PM. In attendance were Tom Martiska, Van Baker, Rebecca Dono Healy, Dave Manzello, Jack Valleli.
2. Tom moved to approve the July meeting minutes as read, seconded by Rebecca. The vote was unanimous in favor.
3. The Board was gratified that we had a budget surplus to close out FY2023, but advise that we use our funding on equipment and training.
4. The Board is pleased at the prospect of an overhauled database.
5. Jack's explanation of the timeline of the double-printing satisfied the Board that we do not have a data error on our end.
6. Jack explained that due to poor record-keeping practices, it's necessary to do filing work and organization that not only covers a period of decades, but which has never before been filed in a coherent manner, which is why it takes so long.
7. The Board as well as David are surprised that we ultimately only had the two appeals.
8. The Board is anxious to see the market value adjustment, both in raw terms but also compared to the decidedly large adjustment last year.
9. The Board is aware of our outreach efforts as well as our cooperation with other departments for the CPA exemptions. Additionally, they were pleased to hear that we have been seeing swift returns of mailers with the attendant documentation.
10. The Board hopes to see returns as speedy for Chapter 61 as it does for exemptions.
11. The Board will be informed of any further developments in the senior tax rebate committee.
12. The Board is tentatively supportive of selling off small parcels of vacant land, but questions both the potential payoff as well as the amount of due diligence and red tape involved.
13. Rebecca is excited to attend the fall WCAA symposium, and will tell the Board what was learned in October.
14. At 6:47 Tom moved to adjourn, seconded by Rebecca. The vote was unanimous in favor. The next meeting of the assessors will be held on 10/2 at 6:00 PM