

I. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Board of Equalization was held on Thursday, May 28, 2015, at the Dillingham City Council Chambers, Dillingham, Alaska. Mayor Alice Ruby called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Mayor Alice Ruby was present.

Council Members present and establishing a quorum (a quorum being three):

Holly Johnson
Chris Maines
Paul Liedberg

Staff in attendance:

Janice Williams, City Clerk

Guest:

Don (Marty) McGee, Alaska Assessment Assistance

III. APPROVE THE AGENDA

MOTION: Chris Maines moved and Holly Johnson seconded motion to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

IV. ASSESSOR'S COMMENTS

Don McGee reported that finance staff had found some additional errors in the property assessment statements, and about fifteen property owners would be receiving a corrected statement. He noted the owner would have 30 days to appeal the adjusted value, so the City may need to hold another BOE meeting. It was noted that none of the owners who received a corrected statement from a first batch of corrections [about 37] that went out April 8 had appealed by the deadline of May 8.

V. APPEALS FOR CONSIDERATION

A. Personal Property - Refer to Attached List

1. Appeals Not Settled

Hearing on Case No. P-15-05; Appellant: Geneva Bright, F/V N3.

Appellant presentation; the Appellants' exhibit was included in the board meeting packet. The appellant was not available for the hearing. In her written appeal, Geneva Bright reported the value was excessive, and felt the boat was worth \$10,000 or less, because the engine was not dependable.

Assessor McGee provided the assessor's presentation. His appeal response was included in the board meeting packet. He explained the fishing boat had an aluminum hull, that the appellant had not provided any specific information about the engine, and his reassessed value of \$42,000 was in the bottom end of the range of value for a boat of that type.

MOTION: Chris Maines moved and Holly Johnson seconded the motion to concur with the assessor's findings [adjust the property value from \$68,960 to \$42,000] for the reasons provided by the assessor.

VOTE: The motion to uphold the assessor's determination passed unanimously.

2. Settled Appeals

Clerk's Note: Assessor McGee provided a review of the assessor's exhibits containing the appeal forms and assessor's report. The assessor had reached a written agreement of valuation with the appellants on Case Nos. P-15-02, P-15-03, and P-15-06.

MOTION: Holly Johnson moved and Chris Maines seconded the motion to accept the settled appeals.

VOTE: The motion to uphold the assessor's determination passed unanimously.

B. Real Property – Refer to the Attached List

1. Appeals Not Settled

Hearing on Case No. R-15-05; Appellant: Estate of Annie J. Nelson c/o Nick Johnson
Appellant presentation; the Appellants' exhibit was included in the board meeting packet. The appellant was not available for the hearing. In his written appeal, Nick Johnson reported the house was unlivable, three wells had arsenic. He felt the value was excessive, and requested a value of \$32,000 for both the house and property.

Assessor McGee provided the assessor's presentation. His appeal response was included in the board meeting packet. He had assessed that the house was in very poor condition and not currently inhabitable, and gave a value of \$1,000 for the house, since there was still a building and there is some value in the structure.

MOTION: Paul Liedberg moved and Chris Maines seconded the motion to concur with the assessor's findings [adjust the property value from \$49,600 to \$33,300] for the reasons provided by the assessor.

VOTE: The motion to uphold the assessor's determination passed unanimously.

2. Settled Appeals

Clerk's Note: Assessor McGee provided a review of the assessor's exhibits containing the appeal forms and assessor's report. The assessor had reached a written agreement of valuation

with the appellants on Case Nos. R-15-01, R-15-02, R-15-03, R-15-04, R-15-06, R-15-07, R-15-08, R-15-09, R-15-10, R-15-11, R-15-12, and R-15-13.

MOTION: Holly Johnson moved and Paul Liedberg seconded the motion to accept the settled appeals.

VOTE: The motion to uphold the assessor's determination passed unanimously.

VI. CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION (Prior Notice or Agenda Items)

There was no citizen's discussion.

VII. MAYOR/COUNCIL COMMENTS

It was requested that the City Manager provide a report at the next Council meeting on the cause of the errors that required additional assessment notices be sent out.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Ruby adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.


Mayor Alice Ruby
[SEAL]

ATTEST:

Bernadette Packa Acting City Clerk
Janice Williams, City Clerk

Approval Date: 6-4-15

