

Council Chambers  
Ely, Minnesota  
Thursday, April 30, 2009  
5:00 p.m. Board of Appeal Meeting  
Ely City Council

Mayor Skraba called the Board of Appeal Meeting to order at 5 p.m. on April 30, 2009.

PRESENT: Council members Omerza, Salerno, Shetty, Zupec, and Mayor Skraba (5)  
ABSENT: Council member Debeltz, Nikkola (2)

Also present were Ben Thomas and Kerry Walsh of the St. Louis County Assessor's office.

Ben Thomas informed the council that in the last 5 years the land values in the SE portion of Ely (South of Harvey Street to Beacon Hill) have been revalued and have increased 10%.

The council reviewed the following property values as requested by the property owners:

George Rhein, Property code 030-0120-00325. No action was taken.

Mobilia Enterprises Inc., Property code 030-0500-00197. The council will review the valuation at the continuation meeting based on the findings of the wetland delineation determination. No action was taken.

Pam Freeman, Property code 030-0370-00860. No action was taken.

Starkman Oil Company, Parcel code 030-0230-00170. No action was taken.

First National Bank of Moose Lake, Parcel code 030-0010-03550. Moved by Salerno supported by Omerza to decrease the value of the building based on its condition by \$2,800. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Coombe, Parcel code 030-0365-01060. Moved by Salerno supported by Zupec to increase the value of the property by \$6,100 based on the road access. Ben Thomas explained that the road access to this property was previously viewed as remote. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Coombe, Parcel code 030-0365-0170. Moved by Salerno supported by Zupec to decrease the value of the property by \$5,100 based on no road access to the property. Motion carried unanimously.

Rick & Lynda Trimble, Parcel code 030-0240-00110. No action was taken.

Robert Tisovich, Parcel code 030-0352-01461. No action was taken.

Gary Tisovich, Parcel codes 030-0352-01463 and 030-0352-01460. Ben Thomas will review the properties and report back at the continuation meeting. No action was taken.

Douglas Wiermaa, Parcel code 030-0408-00035. No action was taken.

Duane Whalen questioned how property valuations and taxes could continue to increase when the state is cutting Local Government Aid.

Moved by Omerza and supported by Zupec to recess the Board of Appeal meeting and reconvene at 6:15 p.m. on May 19, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

Terri Boese  
Clerk/Treasurer