

## **Ely City Council Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting May 17, 2018**

The Ely City Council Board of Appeal & Equalization meeting was called to order by Mayor Novak at 5:00 p.m. on May 17, 2018 at the Ely City Hall Council Chambers

PRESENT: Council Members A.Forsman, Kess, Debeltz, Callen, and D.Forsman and Mayor Novak

ABSENT: Council Member Omerza

Also present were: Ben Thomas, Andrew Olson, David Hillstrom and Dave Sipila of the St. Louis County Assessor's office.

The meeting was scheduled as required by Minnesota State Law to review the proposed assessed values of properties within the City of Ely boundaries as established by the St. Louis County Assessor's Office.

There were 51 residential sales that took place in the City of Ely between October 1, 2016 and September 30, 2017. Following the reassessment of the City of Ely for assessment year 2018, taxes payable in 2019 the median ratio for the City of Ely was 94.9%. This assessment falls within the level of 90% to 105% that is required by Minnesota State Law.

### **Debeltz/A.Forsman moved to approve the following changes:**

**Katauskas Leonard ETUX PID 030-0021-00350 requested the building evaluation be decreased. Olson suggested lowering the ERA from 7 to 6 which would decrease the building assessment by \$11,900.**

**Louis F Leustek & Sons Inc PID 030-0230-00065 requested the building evaluation be decreased since the building is planned to be demoed this summer. Olson suggested lowering the building assessment by \$24,400 because of the condition of the house following interior inspection and the house is in tear down condition.**

**Ely Portage LLC PID 030-0010-01210 requested the building evaluation be decreased since the building is gutted inside and they found a floor joist that is in disrepair on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Olson suggested lowering the building assessment by \$50,200 due to the condition of the interior as well as the interior being partially gutted which revealed some structural issues.**

**Barbara Berglund PID 030-0160-00010 requested a decrease in land value due to an extreme bluff on the shore line. Olson suggested a \$33,000 reduction to the land assessment due to the extreme bluff on the shoreline.**

### **Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Omerza absent.**

Roger Laine PID 030-0010-03750 asked why his assessed value went up.

Olson explained that the county revalued the City last summer which is when they physically inspect each property every 5 years.

Olson also explained that Laine had two properties that were homesteaded in previous years, but owners can only have one property homesteaded, so now one property is homesteaded and the other is not.

No valuation change was made

Mayor Novak adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m. without objection.

Casey Velcheff  
Deputy Clerk