

**2021 Board of Assessment Review
Essex, NY 12936**

Organizational Meeting

The organizational meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM on May 25, 2021. The Bar elected Jay White as Chair and Renee Bruno as Secretary. Jackie Thomas and Chris McConnell are the other two members of the BAR, Cole Starkey has resigned.

Grievance Hearing

The hearing proceedings were now recorded. The grievance hearing began at 2:04 PM. Renee Bruno and Chris McConnell were sworn in by town clerk Alicia Kelley as members of the BAR. Assessors, Diane Lansing, Patricia Gardener and David Sayre sworn in by Chair Jay White.

Foothills Baptist Church

Shelley Wing appeared as representative for Foothills Baptist Church. Chairman swore Ms. Wing in. Foothills Baptist Church filed a grievance that the church, tax map # 39.4-1-23.000, was unlawfully assessed due to not being fully exempt. Shelley explained that she felt the church should be fully exempt and read a letter she wrote to the BAR. Ms. Wing told the BAR that she is residing on the property.

Patricia Gardener explained that the portion of the property that Shelley lives in cannot be considered exempt. She stated that the value of the portion Shelley resides in is \$118,000 and that is the taxable portion.

The board questioned what portion of the building Shelley lived in and Ms. Wing replied she has one private bedroom.

During executive session the board the board unanimously voted to accept the assessed value as it currently appears on the assessment roll.

James Laforest

Mr. Laforest showed up with the grievance and presented it to the BAR and was sworn in by the Chairman. Mr. Laforest stated that he believes he is over assessed as there is no heating, water system is not running, the slate roof is disintegrating, the foundation needs repair, no working septic system and a lot of internal work needed. Mr. Laforest then met with the assessors in private.

Stephen & Elizabeth Phillips

The Phillips filed a grievance that their property, tax map # 49.7-5-1.000, has been over assessed. They were not present at the meeting. The complaint form and 2019 land value computation was

provided by the assessors. The Phillips believe that the property should be assessed at \$75, 000 and is currently assessed at \$161,800.

During executive session the board unanimously voted to accept the assessed value as it currently appears on the assessment roll.

Mark K Gullo Trust c/o Robert Gullo

Mr. Gullo was not present at the meeting. The assessors provided the complaint form. Mr. Gullo filed a grievance that the property, tax map # 40.57-3-6.000 is over assessed at \$262,000 and proposes the assessment should be \$175,000.

During executive session the board unanimously voted to accept the assessed value as it currently appears on the assessment roll.

Recess at 3:19 PM to discuss. At 4:00 PM the meeting was adjourned until 7:00PM.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM, with nobody present the meeting was paused.

The meeting was resumed at 7:20 PM.

Stipulations

James Laforest. The board voted to ratify the stipulation regarding tax map number 49.69-1-10.000 reducing the 2021 assessment to a total of \$51,000.

Joe & Merideth Hannah. The board voted to ratify the stipulation regarding tax map number 48.2-1-11.200 reducing the 2021 assessment to a total of \$321,500.

Tom & Hillary Stransky. The board voted to ratify the stipulation regarding tax map number 49.15-1-10.000 reducing the 2021 assessment to a total of \$304,500.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Renee Bruno

Secretary