

Cascade Township
Board of Review Meeting
April 21, 2009

Members present were: Chairman Lenny Laures, Supervisors Arlen Heathman, Harold Atkinson and Clerk\Treasurer Joe Vroman.

Guests present: Kathy Frette and Greg Schmitt from the Olmsted County Assessor's Office

Call to order at 9:30 am at The Calvary Evangelical Free Church Meeting Room. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ione Leitzen and Gary Leitzen questioned why the property value for 2010 had increased so much? They own commercial land on Hwy 63 North near Lapidary Jewelers. Discussion followed.

A motion by Atkinson to lower the value of the land in question to \$1.40 per sq ft. for 2010, seconded by Heathman, motion approved.

Bob Gill of Gill Properties came before the board about the high valuation placed on his land on County Road 4 NW. After some discussion with Mr. Gill, the Board did not make any changes to the assessed valuation.

Steve Nigon of 5135 County Road 34 NW questioned the change in the designation of his approximately 10 acres of land from ag-homestead to residential homestead. Discussion followed if he had cattle on that land, and Mr. Nigon answered that he did. A motion by Laures to return the land back to ag-homestead, seconded by Atkinson, motion approved.

Joe Kocer of 5727 65 Street NW questioned the increase in valuation for his 35.04 acres of land. After some discussion, the Board did not make any changes to the assessed value.

Neil Farnham of 5115 65 Street NW questioned the increase in valuation for his 19.98 acres. He was asked if he submitted a green acres form to reduce the taxable market value for taxes payable in 2010. He stated that he did not receive one to send in. He got a green acres form at this meeting and is to fill it out right away and get the form to the County Assessors office to be eligible.

Robert Haddorff questioned the property classification for this home in upper meadow NW which is now classified as an apartment building. Discussion followed and phone call made to the County offices to check the code on the valuation form. A motion by Heathman to switch the classification back to residents-non homestead as it had been. Seconded by Atkinson, motion approved.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 am

Motion by Heathman, seconded by Atkinson, motion approved.

Submitted: Joe Vroman, Clerk