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LOCAL BOARD OF APPEAL & EQUALIZATION
FAYAL TOWN HALL
MAY 3, 2006

The Meeting of the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization was called to order at 1:00 P.M. by Chairman Kniefel. Present were Chairman Kniefel, Supervisor Beldo, Supervisor Pernu, Supervisor Branville, PUC Clerk Stewart.

Also Present were Dave Sipola, Fred Hipa, Dave Jarvela and others from the St Louis County Assessors office.

Purpose of the meeting is to hear and act on any appeals from taxpayers of the township.

Dave Sipola, St Louis County Assessor explained the procedure. The Town must have a quorum and at least one must be trained. The Town has a quorum present and several Supervisors have been trained. We may proceed. The representatives from the County Assessor's office have no authority in making valuation changes at the meeting, they are only there to answer questions. It is the Town board's responsibility to conduct the business of the Local Board of Appeal & Equalization. The Town board will hear all appeals first and then make decisions and mail a letter of the action taken to the taxpayers. The burden of proof is on the owner and they need to substantiate there appeal. The book of sales was past around to the residents. After an appeal is made to the Local Board of Appeal & Equalization you are entitled to a hearing at the County Board of Appeal & Equalization which hears appeals by appointment during the last two weeks in June. Mr. Sipola reported the Dept. of Revenue will be conducting a survey after the Local Board of Appeal & Equalization. They may be calling the property owners to ask questions.

The following appeals were heard and acted on:

Motion by Chairman Kniefel to decrease the value of the land for Richard Sundich 340-10-5028, due to poor land quality, support by Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Chairman Kniefel to decrease the value of the building for William McBride 340-0000-9160, due to the building burnt down, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Supervisor Beldo to make no changes to the value of Steven S Anderson's property 340-30-0150, due to no supporting evidence, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Chairman Kniefel to make no changes to the value of Thomas Roberts property 340-25-190 due to no supporting evidence, support from Supervisor Beldo. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Supervisor Branville to make no changes to the value of William Oneal's property 340-80-25 & 340-160-10, due to no supporting evidence, support from Chairman Kniefel. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Supervisor Beldo to make no changes to the value of Michael Erjavec's property 340-50-420, 340-10-2010, 340-10-2030, 340-10-2700 due to no supporting evidence, support from Chairman Kniefel. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Chairman Kniefel to make no changes to the value of Jeffery Zadra's property 340-10-4100 due to no supporting evidence, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Chairman Kniefel to make no changes to the value of Mark A Peterson's property

340-10-5030, 340-10-5150, 340-10-5090 due to no supporting evidence, support from Supervisor Beldo. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Chairman Kniefel to make no changes to the value of Gary L Milbrandt's property 340-107-90, 340-107-100 due to no supporting evidence, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Supervisor Beldo to make no changes to the value of John G Zoretich's property 340-140-170, 340-140-180, 340-140-190 due to no supporting evidence, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Chairman Kniefel to make no changes to the value of Evon Minelli / Clara Mager's property 340-10-3834 due to the fact she has refused entry to the assessor, according to MN State Statutes 273-061 and 274.01 the Local Board of Appeal & Equalization does not have the authority to make changes benefitting an owner who refuses entry to the assessor. Support by Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Chairman Kniefel to make no changes to the value of the Sauli J Vuorela 340-10-5260, support from Supervisor Beldo. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Chairman Kniefel to make no changes to the value of the Diane M Hansen property 340-42-640, 340-42-990 the back property has access via the property in front therefore the value is as stated, support from Supervisor Branville. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Supervisor Branville to change the quality of the building for Glen Sury 340-130-10 reducing the value by \$5,200, support from Chairman Kniefel. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Supervisor Branville to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Stewart
Billing Clerk

Approved: _____
Chair

Attest: _____
Deputy Clerk