

City of Greenwood-Local Board of Appeals and Equalization Meeting
Greenwood City Council Chambers #952-474-6633
20225 Cottagewood Road Deephaven, MN 55331
Wednesday, April 9, 2008 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Mayor Newman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council present: Sagal, Hill, Scharf, Newman and Quam

Council absent: none

Staff present: Clerk Whipple

Staff absent: Attorney Kelly

2. Approve Agenda

Councilmember Hill moved to approve agenda as submitted. Second by Councilmember Scharf. Motion carried 5-0

3. Local Board of Appeals and Equalization with Hennepin County Assessors

Five Greenwood residents had asked to be placed on the roster for the Board of Appeals:

1. Frank Brixius 21720 Fairview Street NOT PRESENT; verbally objecting to high valuation/taxes

Council member Sagal said he had been contacted by Mr. Brixius. One of his concerns was that his house was considered a tear-down and therefore, should have no assessed value. Possible subdivision of his lot was also discussed.

2. Joyce Agnew 6 MacLyn Road NOT PRESENT; submitted a letter to the Council. The Council will review her concerns; there were no additional comments.

3. John Musgjerd 5145 Curve Street NOT PRESENT; submitted a letter to the Council. Mr. Musgjerd raised questions of his addition and how much it was valued. Mr. Davy stated that whatever exists on January 2, 2008 is what is assessed. 50% completion of a project is considered done. The assessors will be open to reviewing the property with Mr. Musgjerd.

4. Ted Hanna 4960 Meadville

Mr. Hanna feels his land is over-valued. He provided the Council with some lakeshore comparables in Greenwood. He also stated he has only 51' of lakeshore and not 60' for which he's being assessed.

The Council will review the information and the assessors will verify the front footage.

5. Jeff Sagal 21420 Excelsior Blvd. He asked to meet with the assessors at a later date and had nothing to present tonight.

Mayor Newman was ready to close the meeting but Biff Rose, 5190 Meadville Street, who had not met with the assessors this year and had not asked to be on the roster, wanted to discuss his valuation. The Mayor waived protocol and allowed Mr. Rose to speak. Mr. Rose was protesting the valuation of his land.

Councilmember Hill moved to reconvene the Local Board of Appeals and Equalization meeting on Monday, April 28, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. Second by Councilmember Quam. Motion carried 5-0

Motion by Councilmember Hill to recess tonight's Board of Review meeting. Second by Councilmember Sagal. Motion carried 5-0

Recess at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta Whipple
Greenwood City Clerk / Administrator