

May 28, 2013 Grievance Day

The Board of Assessment Review held Grievance Day on May 28, 2013.

Valerie Cutler, Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:00PM.

Members present: Valerie Cutler, Chairman

Thomas Cutler

John Studer

Virginia Lorrain

Assessors, Chairman Peter LaGrasse

Carl Thomas

Assessor LaGrasse reported that there are two parcels that were corrected:

Gertrude Bormann Tax Map # 245-1-3	No exemptions on this property	2012	\$3260
		2013	\$2980
	Net Change		-\$280

Georgia Casazza-O'Connor

Robert Casazza Tax Map # 159-1-29 No Exemptions on this property

41121 War Vet c/t \$140 15% 2012}

41834 Star Enhanced \$640 2013} have been removed. Taxable Assessment is \$930

Peter LaGrasse submitted a letter of explanation (attached) of why he could not attend the Board of Assessment Review Grievance meeting. He did ask if any issues or complaints that require him to attend that this meeting be postponed until Wednesday May 29, 2013 at 4-8:00 PM.

Carl Thomas will be present to answer any question that may arise.

4:40 PM Assessor LaGrasse left the BAR Grievance meeting due to mandatory attendance at an EMT Training session that was scheduled last week.

Assessor Carl Thomas reported the two parcels corrected were done after the information was received after the March 1st, 2013 date. Assessor Carl Thomas reported the Chairman of the Board of Assessment Review, which is Valerie Cutler, has to sign this.

Chairperson Valerie Cutler reported that no one had come in with any grievances.

Valerie Cutler, Chairman of the Board of Assessment Review adjourned Grievance Day at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Harrington

Recording Secretary

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Peter La Grasse, Chairman
Board of Assessors
911 Facilitator
May 14, 2013

Dear BAR Members:

I cannot be present at this meeting of the BAR due to mandatory attendance at an EMT training session that was scheduled last week. I am taking a recertification class for my EMT license that requires me to attend a training session this evening. Legal ads for grievance day were already in the newspaper, our Bar date could not be rescheduled. However, if there is any issue or complaint that requires my presence, the BAR can reschedule that particular hearing for a future date, I suggest Wednesday, May 29th at the same 4 to 8 PM. Assessor Carl Thomas will be present on the 28th, and hopefully his presence will suffice.

Our emergency squad has undergone a serious setback with the passing of Stan Ross. Stan was the backbone of our squad. Stan made himself available nearly 24/7 until he was too ill to respond to emergency calls. Our active EMTs are not always available due to employment outside of town. This is a familiar story that sounds like the saga of Thurman's EMS Squad. Our case is fortunately not the same. Counting myself, we have four EMTs who are available a good part of the time and if we can go by last year's performance, were able to respond to a good number of calls. We have three new EMTs joining our ranks; they will be enrolled in the EMT Basic Course at West Glens Falls for the summer and will test out on August 15, 2013. Their class schedule is two weekdays each week, 8am to 4pm, and some additional Saturdays. The schedule has 139 hours of training plus three additional days of lab practice, skill remediation and skill testing. The textbook study time can easily double these hours.

I have strong confidence that the commitment of these new EMTs will endure, and that we will be able to continue the commendable service to the community that has endured in our community for 58 years.

For those who may be inconvenienced by this change in schedule, I offer my apologies.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours truly,

Peter La Grasse, Chairman

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