

May 24, 2016 Board of Assessment Review Grievance Day

The Board of Assessment Review Grievance Day was held on May 24, 2016.

Valerie Cutler, Chairman Board of Assessment Review called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM with members present:

Virginia Lorrain

John Durham

Sandra Payne

Cathy Percy

Others present:

Peter LaGrasse, Chairman Board of Assessors.

Absent: Assessor Brandon Thomas

Assessor Zach Thomas

Assessor LaGrasse stated he has two Correction of Error: Clerical Error

1. Aaron and Minnie Nason- Correction of parcel Lot # from 658.-1-60 to 258.-1-60.

2. Paul McConville- Parcel lot #'s 271.-1-1 and 271.-1-2.

Assessor LaGrasse stated this is at the end of Fodder Rd pass Meehan's. There is a dirt road going in that, one time it probably was a town road but it isn't a town road now. You can go in but it's better to walk in. Assessor LaGrasse stated he has a deed, a peculiar deed. The deed was for a restrictive covenant for this individual McConville, that he wouldn't build 175 ft. of the property line. He was benefiting Meehan but there was no apparent payment or anything to where he would draft up such a deed which was five or six years old and finally file it. Assessor LaGrasse stated he knows that property is within 30 ft. of the town road. He is landlocked within 30 ft. of the end of the road, the way the road works now. Looking at the tax map Lot 271.-1-1 and 271.-1-2, he strongly suspects something is going on by there is an easement he doesn't know about. If you look at it you see that road goes right to the lot. The road goes to it but in reality the line should have been drawn a 1/2 inch over. There is a mistake in the map. Why would he give an easement that we won't build on 175 ft.? It goes to an old farm called the Fodder Farm and if you look on the GPS maps there is two buildings on that and Assessor LaGrasse has it vacant. Assessor LaGrasse stated he was looking at this current Warren County GPS map and sees this 50 ft. long structure, so he put it down without looking at it because he can't get in there, its way in there and it's muddy, so he just put it down. Mr. McCoville called him and said you know that place is really awful and if he wants to have it assessed he would tear it down. He admitted to having a residential structure there, small camp with an addition on the camp. Assessor LaGrasse stated he changed the assessment for that reason and he knocked it off but he is going up and look at it and if it looks like, Mr. McCoville said the walls are falling in and it's unsafe to walk in the structure, maybe, maybe not, maybe it's a decent woodshed. It might not be a camp or a house but it may have some value as minimal, extremely minimal as a woodshed. What Assessor LaGrasse did was put down 2 10x14 structures and Mr. McCoville agreed to it and removed the assessment on the building. But next year if he sees there is a building then he will put it back.

Assessor LaGrasse is asking for an adjustment change from a total of 1240 to 950. Of which 820 is land, a difference of 420 is what he had put on it instead of putting 130 on the building.

Assessor LaGrasse stated he is dealing with map errors all the time because the layers of information on the map are not accurate.

7:55 PM: The Board of Assessment Review reviewed and agreed to the corrections to the Assessment Roll.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Harrington