

BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION MEETING
Tuesday, April 24, 2018
10:00 AM

Present: Mayor Kavanaugh, Councilors Lang, Ruttger, and Demgen, City Administrator Mason,
Administrative Assistant Schack

Attendees: Daniel Revsbech, John Sampsell, Craig Knudsen

Mayor Kavanaugh opened the meeting and turned it over to Assistant County Assessor Penny Vikre and Staff Appraiser Judy Dean. Ms. Dean explained how the process works in determining the assessment on property. She noted that the Pine Beach Peninsula shows an increase due to the increase in sales, stating that the frontage raised from \$5,600.00 to \$6,600.00 per front foot for prime level lakeshore, finally based on individual assessments. Other areas in East Gull Lake saw slight increases. The floor was opened to the attendees.

- Daniel Revsbech addressed the board reviewing the letter he sent in to discuss the assessment of his father's property. Motion was denied to lower the assessment to \$1,500,000.00. It was noted that Mr. Revsbech can appeal to the County Board.

Councilor Lang moved and Councilor Demgen seconded the motion to lower the assessed value for Daniel Revsbech's father's property to \$1,500,000.00. Two Yea votes, two Nay votes. Motion was denied.

- John Sampsell addressed the board regarding the assessment of his property. Motion was made to lower the assessment back to last year's assessment of \$845,500.00.

Councilor Lang moved and Councilor Demgen seconded the motion to lower the assessed value for Mr. Sampsell's property to \$845,500.00. Mayor Kavanaugh, Councilors Lang and Demgen voted in favor thereof, Councilor Ruttger opposed. Motion carried.

- Craig Knudsen addressed the board regarding the assessment of his property. He noted that he felt he could not get the price it is assessed at if he were to sell. Councilor Ruttger noted that the market for that price range is currently hot. Motion was denied to lower the assessment to \$375,000. It was noted that Mr. Knudsen can appeal to the County Board.

Councilor Lang moved and Councilor Demgen seconded the motion to lower the assessed value for the Craig Knudsen to \$375,000. Two Yea votes, two Nay votes. Motion was denied.

Letters read from residents:

- Brent Jones (Dan Kruse) property. It was moved to lower the assessment to \$756,000.00, motion tied and denied. Motion to lower assessment to \$834,000 carried.

Councilor Lang moved and Councilor Demgen seconded the motion to lower the assessed value for the Steffen Johnson property to \$756,00.00. Two Yea votes, two Nay votes. Motion was denied.

Councilor Ruttger moved and Councilor Demgen seconded the motion to lower the assessed value for the Steffen Johnson property to \$834,00.00. Two Yea votes, one Nay vote. Motion carried.

- Steffen Johnson appealed the assessment on his property. Motion to reduce assessment to \$708,500.00 carried.

Councilor Demgen moved and Councilor Lang seconded the motion to lower the assessed value for the Steffen Johnson property to \$708,500.00. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.

- Cooper Weeks appealed the assessment on his property. It was decided to not change the assessed value. It was noted that Mr. Weeks can appeal to the County Board.

Councilor Lang moved and Councilor Demgen seconded the motion to keep the assessed value for the Cooper Weeks property. All present voted in favor thereof.

There were three (3) changes made on the six (6) contested assessments.

Councilor Demgen moved and Councilor Lang seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. All present voted in favor thereof. Motion carried.