

**Bridgewater City Council**  
**Local Board of Equalization Meeting**  
**March 16, 2020 7:00 pm**

The City Council of the City of Bridgewater met in the Council Room as the Local Board of Equalization on 03/16/20. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm (no quorum until then) by Board President Travis Holthaus. Present were Bob Anderson, Tony Hofer, Travis Holthaus, Alicen Strombeck, and Carolyn Meyer as the school board representative. Absent Mark Vondra and Lacey Weber. Others present were Joan Julson-Finance Officer acting as clerk, Randy Hofer, Terri Shape, Cassidy Lehrman, Margie Peters and Steve Sievers. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Motion by Hofer, second by Strombeck to open the 2020 Equalization book for review. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Appeal #1**

**Parcel 18.00.1507:** Randy Hofer was present to appeal the property assessment on his home for the year 2020. He objected to the amount of property value increase for the reason that they have not done any updates on their home and feels the increase for the last couple years is excessive and above market value.

Current valuation: Land (NA-D-S): \$3221 Buildings (NA-D1-S & NA-D1): \$56,900  
Motion by Strombeck, second by Anderson to lower the assessed value of the Buildings (NA-D1-S) to \$31,860 with Other Structures (NA-D1) remaining at \$200 and Land (NA-D-S) remaining at \$3221 for a total value of \$35281. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Appeal #2**

**Parcel 18.24.4702:** Teresa (Terri) Shape was present to appeal the property assessment on her home for the year 2020. She objected to the amount of property value increase on her house for the last couple years as it is excessive and above market value and for the reason that her basement and foundation are really bad. She feels that due to the basement condition, a bank loan would be impossible for someone to secure. She had pictures to prove her point. Current valuation: Land (NA-D-S): \$2892 Buildings (NA-D1-S & NA-DI): \$103,800  
Motion by Anderson, second by Strombeck to lower the assessed value of the Buildings (NA-D1-S) to \$63,728 with Other Structures (NA-D1) remaining at \$2800 and Land (NA-D-S) remaining at \$2892 for a total value of \$69,420. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Appeal #3**

**Parcel 18.24.5303:** Cassidy Lehrman was present to appeal the property assessment for the year 2020. She objected to the amount of property value increase on her house for the reason that assessment is higher than market value and her basement is in bad condition. Original house area has original plaster walls which are in poor shape, basement is not finished (dirt floor) with falling walls.

Current valuation: Land (NA-D-S): \$2538 Buildings (NA-D1): \$36,500  
Motion by Hofer, second by Strombeck to lower the assessed value of the Buildings (NA-D1) to \$18,672 with Land (NA-D-S) remaining at \$2538 for a total value of \$21,210. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

**Appeal #4**

**Parcel 18.60.2408:** Steve Sievers was present to appeal the property assessment on the land for the year 2020. He objected to the amount of the land value doubling in the last couple years, getting higher than market value. Much of this land has been flooded for many years and is not usable.

Current valuation: Land (NA-DC): \$12,500 Buildings (NA-DC2): \$25,800

Motion by Meyer, second by Anderson to lower the assessed value of the Land (NA-DC) to \$8450 with Buildings (NA-DC2) remaining at \$25,800 for a total value of \$34,250. All present voted aye. Motion carried.

Strombeck moved, seconded by Hofer to accept the assessment rolls as modified and to close the 2020 Equalization process. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, second by Hofer to adjourn. Motion carried. Time 8:27 pm.

Travis Holthaus – Council President

Joan M Julson – Finance Officer  
acting as Clerk

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