

SILVER BROOK TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, April 29, 2020, 3:00 PM

Attendance: Brian Johnson, Randy Wolf, Alieca Johnson, County Assessor Kyle Holmes and Bill Laymayer. Assessor Nick Siltanen, Duane Laveau, Debbie Nyberg, Matt Laveau, Steve Conley, and Brant Swedberg attended the meeting via conference call.

The average market values in Carlton County increased approximately 1-6% while Silver Brook Township increased 14%. The average price/acre for land stayed about the same, but building values increased. Even with the increase Silver Brook's values are at 88% of sales values which is still below the desired ratio of 90-105%.

Dennis Powers and Steve Akervik contacted the Assessor's Office prior to this meeting and the Assessor recommends no change on their parcels so that they can be inspected after the COVID-19 stay-at-home order is lifted. Bill Laymayer would also like to be on the County's list for an interior inspection as he does not agree with his tax value. Motion by Laveau; seconded by Wolf to rule NO CHANGE for these parcels so that they will be eligible for county review.

Steve Conley had a few questions about values. No action needed.

Matt Laveau complained about the value of a 20-acre parcel he owns south of Wrenshall and believes is valued too high. Motion by Johnson; seconded by Wolf to also rule NO CHANGE on this property so that it can be reviewed by the County Board. Motion carried with Duane Laveau abstaining.

Brant Swedberg also complained about the value of his house/property. The Assessor agreed that some of the higher valued properties did take a bigger hit with an across the board percentage increase. Motion by Laveau; seconded by Johnson to rule NO CHANGE to allow for County review. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson; seconded by Wolf to adjourn the Board of Equalization at 3:15 PM. The meeting continued with regular business as follows:

The Annual Road Survey was reset from Friday, May 1 to Tuesday, May 5, 2020, at 7:00 PM. Supervisors will drive the roads separately and compare notes at the meeting.

Motion by Laveau; seconded by Johnson not to purchase dust control for Matten Road this year due an increase in cost. Motion carried. Quotes from Ulland Brothers for paving the town hall parking lot were reviewed and the matter was tabled until bids are received from Sinnott Blacktopping. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson; seconded by Laveau to adjourn the meeting at 3:25 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Alieca Johnson, Clerk (date)

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Duane Laveau, Chairman (date)