

Harrison County Board of Review

May 2, 2016 Minutes

The Harrison County Board of Review convened in the Harrison County Courthouse, Assessor's Office at 8:32 a.m. on May 2, 2016. Meeting Agenda was noted for 2016 Regular Session. Meeting notice was posted April 20, 2016.

Those in attendance were:

Board Members: Rolland Roberts, Lary Gaver, Nick Cleveland, Marilyn Boustead, & Myrna Lightwine

Others in Attendance: Brenda Loftus, Assessor

Moved by Roberts, seconded by Cleveland, to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried.

Moved by Lightwine seconded by Cleveland, to approve the minutes from November 6, 2015 as written. Motion carried.

Iowa Open Meetings /Open Records Handbooks and Board of Review Guidelines were presented to the members in attendance for review.

A Board of Review workshop was attended by Lary Gaver, Brenda Loftus, & Joanna Barnard on April 22, 2016. Material from the workshop was provided to the Board members for their review and information received at the meeting was shared for everyone's benefit.

Moved by Roberts, seconded by Gaver, that Marilyn Boustead be named chairperson for this session of the board of review. Motion carried. Unanimous vote.

Moved by Gaver, seconded by Cleveland, that Rollie Roberts be named vice-chairperson for this session of the board of review. Motion carried. Unanimous vote.

Moved by Gaver, seconded by Cleveland, that Myrna Lightwine be named clerk for this session of the board of review. Motion carried. Unanimous vote.

The board, being duly organized, proceeded to adopt rules of procedure as per attached document revised May 2, 2016. Moved by Cleveland, seconded by Lightwine, to adopt the rules of procedure as printed. Motion carried. Unanimous vote.

The next item of business was to consider those petitions filed April 1th until April 29th. The following petitions were considered and acted upon:

Petition #2016-001

The petition of R C Wellness Foundation/Ruth Cunard concerning the property described as Sunnyside Lots 10 & 11 Blk 93, town of Missouri Valley was read by the board. Ruth Cunard did not keep her oral hearing appointment with the board. Ms. Cunard called the office prior her hearing to inform the board of her absence. After open discussion and ample consideration by all it was moved by Cleveland, seconded by Gaver, that the petition is upheld and the total assessed value of the property be reduced to \$149,000. A decrease of \$36,777. Motion carried. Unanimous vote.

Petition #2016-002

The petition of Daniel Hoffman concerning the property described as Linden Estate Lot 3, township of St John 24-78-44 was read by the board. Mr. Hoffman kept his oral hearing appointment and presented his petition to the board. After open discussion and ample consideration by all; it was moved by Boustead, seconded by Roberts, that the petition is denied.

The taxpayer has failed to provide sufficient evidence to support the claim raised in their petition. To the extent the Board has discretion to consider other ground for protest that may have been advanced by the taxpayer at their hearing, the Board exercises its discretion to not permit any amendment to the protest, and did not consider any grounds for protest not set forth in the taxpayer's written protest to the Board.

Motion carried. Unanimous vote.

Petition #2016-003 & #2016-004

The petitions of Timothy Schwery concerning the properties described as Lot 50 Cottonwood Hills I & Lot 51 Cottonwood Hills I, township of LaGrange 29-78-43 was read by the board. Mr. Schwery submitted a petition on April 27, 2016 requesting an oral hearing appointment for each of the subject properties. He then submitted revised petitions without an oral hearing on April 29, 2016. The board reviewed the revised petitions for both of the above named properties.

After open discussion and ample consideration by all; it was moved by Gaver, seconded by Roberts, that the petition #2016-003 (Lot 50) is denied.

Discussion followed for petition #2016-004 (Lot 51). It was moved by Gaver, seconded by Boustead, that the petition is denied.

The taxpayer has failed to provide sufficient supportive evidence for the grounds claimed in his petitions. Each motion carried by unanimous vote.

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Petition #2016-005

The petition of Robert F Gaughan concerning the property described as Lot 26 Harris Grove Country Estates III, township of LaGrange 01-78-43 was read by the board. After open discussion and ample consideration by all it was moved by Gaver, seconded by Cleveland, that the petition is denied. Insufficient supportive evidence was presented to support petition grounds.

Motion carried. Unanimous vote.

Petition #2016-007

The counter petition of Brenda Loftus, Assessor also concerning the property described as Lot 26 Harris Grove Country Estates III, township of LaGrange 01-78-43 was read by the board. After open discussion and ample consideration by all it was moved by Gaver, seconded by Lightwine, that the counter petition is also denied. Insufficient evidence to prove the assessment is diminished.

Motion carried. Unanimous vote.

Petition #2016-006

The petition of Rodney Plath concerning the property described as Lot 47 Eagle Ridge Acres Phase II, township of St John 03-78-44 was read by the board. Mr. Plath kept his oral hearing appointment and presented his petition to the board. It was moved by Gaver, seconded by Lightwine, that the petition is denied. After further discussion and ample consideration by all; the previous motion was rescinded. A new motion was made by Cleveland, seconded by Roberts, stating that the petition is upheld and the total assessed value of the property be reduced to \$37,500. A decrease of \$5,087.

Vote was called. Motion carried. Unanimous vote.

Upon completion of the business of the day, it was moved by Gaver, seconded by Lightwine, to adjourn and reconvene at 8:30 a.m. on May 24, 2016. Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m. Motion carried.

Marilyn Boustead, Chairperson

Myrna Lightwine, Clerk

