

Special Town Board Meeting

September 15, 2016

Call to Order by Councilman Oltz at 9:30 am followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call by the Town Clerk, Jo Anne Cox found the following board members present:

Councilman Oltz
Councilman Ward
Councilman Young
Councilman Dudek Excused
Supervisor Searing Excused
also present: Attorney, Michael D. Quill Jr.
Assessor, Fred Farrell
Kelly Anderson, Real Property Director
Cindy Watkins, Resident of Fleming

The meeting was started with introductions of everyone attending. Cindy Watkins then spoke in regards to her assessment of property owned at 3021 Pinfeather Place. She has owned this piece of land for 12 years and wants to know why the other vacant properties owned by Keystone Estates has consistently remained assessed for \$2000.00 a parcel when hers is assessed for \$15,750.00? Kelly Anderson advised Cindy to attend the meeting and also questioned these assessments herself. It was explained by Assessor Fred Farrell an agreement was made with the town and Keystone Estates years ago to leave the parcels at \$2000.00 until each lot is sold. A lengthy conversation proceeded with our Town Attorney, Michael Quill, Kelly Anderson, Fred Farrell and the Town Board members as to the legitimacy of this agreement. This will be actively researched.

Assessor Fred Farrell handed out paperwork to the board as he explained the main issues:

Falling Equalization Rate and the effects it has on the town and individual homeowners.

Process and Tools to correct these issues. Kelly Anderson agreed with Fred on the steps he should be taking and the timetable in which they are done.

A motion was made by Councilman Oltz to approve Assessor Fred Farrell to move forward in steps needed to prepare for a revaluation, seconded by Councilman Ward. AYES 3-0 This was approved on the following roll call:

Councilman Oltz YES
Councilman Ward YES
Councilman Young YES

It was then discussed what role the county would have in this process. Kelly said they would do as little or as much that Fred needed. Councilman Oltz asked her what the approximate cost would be. She will have a figure worked up for our 1st Budget Workshop on Monday, September 26, 2016. Kelly and Fred both suggested the data collection surveys to residential parcels be mailed in coordination with a public meeting. They also suggested this be done within the first two weeks of October. Discussion was made on when, where and how many meetings to have. Auburn High School was discussed as the meeting place and the first meeting to be held in the evening. Fred will also submit a new agreement to make arrangements on how to pay his assistant, Onea.

A motion was made by Councilman Ward to authorize a public meeting for educational purposes on revaluation within the first two weeks of October, seconded by Councilman Young. AYES 3-0

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Young, seconded by Councilman Ward. The time was 10:45 am. AYES 3-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Town Clerk