

City of Pelican Rapids City Council Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting - 04-02-20

The City Council of the City of Pelican Rapids conducted the Board of Appeal and Equalization Meeting on Thursday, 04-02-20, at 2:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall. Mayor Brent E. Frazier, Council Members Steve Foster, Curt Markgraf and Kevin Ballard were present. Council Member Steve Strand was absent. Administrator Don Solga, Clerk-Treasurer Danielle Harthun were also present. Brandie Hanson and Joel Dulski from the Otter Tail County (OTC) Assessor's Office attended remotely.

Mayor Frazier called meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Mayor Frazier reviewed the rules for the Local Board of Review. Any decisions made today by Council should be based on the classification and the estimated valuation of the property. Otter Tail County bases their valuation on sales from October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019. Both commercial and residential front footage rates were increased.

The Otter Tail County Assessor's Office received one appeal on tax valuation.

The property owner at 309 5th Avenue NE requested that the value of his property be decreased. OTC recommended decreasing value based on no well, low maintenance and unfinished construction. Motion by Markgraf, seconded by Foster to follow the recommendation of the County Assessor's office and lower the value of 309 5th Avenue NE. Motion passed unanimously.

The property owners at 705 7th Avenue SE built a new shed which increased the value. The assessor's office received a letter stating a MN statue that they will deny access in the future. Ms. Hanson just wanted to share with Council, that if they are denied access; the property owner waives the right to an appeal.

Motion by Margraf, seconded by Foster to adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.



Danielle Harthun, MCMC
Clerk-Treasurer