

**MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL
ST. AUGUSTA, MINNESOTA
Board of Review and Equalization Meeting
April 5, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mayor Zenzen at 5:30pm.

PRESENT: Mayor Zenzen; Council Members Backes, Schmitz, Coleman and Genereux; Assistant County Assessors Don Ramler, County Assessor Jake Pidde and Clerk/Administrator McCabe.

OTHERS PRESENT: Keith Koltes, Don Meyer, Matthew Eynck and Herman Roerick

OPENING

COMMENTS: Mr. Ramler began by giving opening remarks about the general trend in residential (20-25%), commercial (1-2% commercial and 4-5% industrial) and agricultural (10%) land for the past year. He indicated 2021 was a record year for new value within St. Augusta.

ACTION: Keith Koltes, PID 81.43302.0302. He questioned the increase in his value. Mr. Ramler indicated his value was increased by the addition of a new gas fireplace and also increased because of the detached shop.

Don Meyer, PID 81.43155.0410. Mr. Meyer questioned the increase in his value. Mr. Ramler responded the property verification form indicated an additional 2 bedrooms and one bathroom.

Matthew Eynck PID 81.43152.0030. Mr. Eynck was questioning a 69% value increase. Mr. Ramler explained the value of the house prior to a sale was approximately \$158,000 but the house sold for \$275,000. There were minor updates accounted for in the new value along with the sales price. Mr. Ramler was going to remove the below grade finish, as there is no finish, reducing the value by \$7,800.

Herman Roerick PID 81.43154.0535. Mr. Roerick questioned the value increase of the property at 18%. Mr. Ramler explained there was only one improved residential ag sale.

Jim Streit PID 81.43155.0500. Mr. Streit submitted a letter questioning his increased value. Mr. Ramler explained there is a comparable sale and the house values alone differed by approximately \$275,000.

Josiah Fuchs PID 81.43283.0206. Mr. Fuchs sent an email stating the contract price is less than the appraised value. Mr. Fuchs wants to be on record so it could possibly be appealed at the County level.

A motion was made to take no action on the Koltes, Meyer, Roerick, Streit and Fuchs properties and to reduce the Eynck value by \$7,800 to

**reflect the unfinished basement by Mr. Backes, seconded by Mr. Schmitz.
Motion carried unanimously.**

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made to adjourn at 6:40pm by Mr. Schmitz, seconded by Mr. Genereux. Meeting Adjourned.

Approved this _____ day of May, 2022.

Michael G. Zenzen, Mayor

Attest:

William R. McCabe, Clerk/Administrator