

BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION HEARING
MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2023 @ 6:00 P.M.

Council members present were Wayne Tonn, Sean Brovold, Tammi Mueller, Mayor Stelter and City Clerks, Brenda Drager and Ashley VanHecke. Brad Timm was absent. Connie Erickson, County Assessor and Dave Hammerschmidt, City Assessor were also present.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Stelter

The Pledge of Allegiance

Connie explained how the process works for the Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting to new City Clerk, Ashley VanHecke

The county raised all house and garage values county wide as well as Commercial and Industrial values, increasing 9-24%. The City of Wood Lake saw an increase of 15%, while the townships of Echo and Posen increased 33%. Ag taxes are stable for 2023 but Connie anticipates a drastic increase in 2024.

The housing market is stable, but sales are lower than average. There were three residential sales in the City of Wood Lake: Varpness to Phinney; Enninga to Kosen; Hustad to Fischer.

Connie presented an appeal on behalf of Wood Lake Holdings. The property owner is not in disagreement with the value but the increase in property taxes. Connie recommended a decrease of \$1,100.00 in the value of the property to accommodate a decrease in the taxes. A motion to approve the appeal to decrease the property value from \$127,400.00 to \$126,300 was made by Mueller, seconded by Brovold. Motion passed with all in favor.

20% of the homes in town, per year, over the next five years, will be subject to inspection by the new County Assessor, Dave Hammerschmidt. Inspections are anticipated to begin mid-late summer 2023. The county will send letters to residents about the process and what to expect.

As this concluded the business for which this meeting was called, a motion by Brovold and seconded by Mueller was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor Stelter adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.



Mayor



Clerk/Treasurer