

**VILLAGE OF WESTON
BOARD OF REVIEW MINUTES**

MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Schuster called the Board of Review meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Trustees present were Maloney, White, Schuster, Ermeling and Schmutzler. Ziegler was absent and excused. Assessor Schmidt, Administrator Zuleger and Finance Director Jacobs were also present.

II. SWEARING IN OF ASSESSOR

Clerk Weinkauff swore in Assessor Greg Schmidt.

Schmidt reviewed the 2008 statement of real estate assessments. The total real estate for all tax classes is \$962,702,600; total personal property is \$26,784,920 for a grand total of \$989,487,520. The 2008 total increase in assessed value is \$38,153,840. The preliminary average assessment ratio is 97.88%. Schmidt also reviewed the TIF values.

III. HEAR OBJECTIONS

IV. DISCUSS OBJECTIONS

Clerk Weinkauff swore in Lionel Woodward.

Mr. Woodward, 3909 Howland Avenue, Weston WI, indicated his property was appraised at \$218,910. It also indicates on his appraisal that the power line easement decreased the property value down to \$212,010 a difference of \$6,900. He said the utility company took a 64 foot strip of his land for a power line. His 2007 assessed value is \$186,000. He said the YMCA and the additional traffic have depreciated his property. He also said the power company is using his property for access. Reedy's have 43 lots with one road into this addition. This road is close to his house. He feels this also depreciates his property. He also stated he does not have water and sewer. He is also very pleased with the local tax rate. He requested the valuation of his property be decreased by \$7,000.

Maloney asked Mr. Woodward what he thought the 11 acres was worth. He said he does not ever plan to sell the property, but feels \$212,000 would be a fair price to ask if he would sell.

Zuleger said Mr. Woodward is requesting a quality of life reduction. Ermeling asked Mr. Woodward if he would sell the property for more than \$170,000. He said he knows the property is worth more than that, but does not plan to sell.

Assessor Schmidt stated this property is 11.5 acres, has a one story ranch style home and was built in 1988. It has 2 bedrooms and the square footage of the home is 1,340. There is a pole building on the property. He said the property was appraised in 2007 for \$212,010. The assessed value is \$186,100, which is still significantly under the appraised value.

Zuleger said the land is zoned agriculture.

Maloney and Schuster both feel \$186, 000 is a fair assessment.

Mr. Woodward said his taxes went up \$943 from 2006 to 2007. Maloney said the whole community had an increase. Jacobs said along with the reassessment last year there was also the school district's referendum.

There was a short discussion regarding power line concerns.

V. ACTION ON OBJECTIONS

**M/S/P Maloney/Jaeger: to deny the request to change the assessment and leaving it stand at \$186,000.*

VI. ADJOURN

**M/S/P Jaeger/Schmutzler: to adjourn the Board of Review at 6:00 p.m.*

Respectfully,

Sherry Weinkauff
Village Clerk