

Board of Equalization and Review Special Meeting

December 13, 2011

Pursuant to notices posted and published, a special meeting of the Board of Equalization and Review of the City of Escanaba convened in Room 102 of City Hall, 410 Ludington Street, at 1:02 p.m., by Chairman Dennis Pearson.

Present: Chairman Dennis Pearson, Mayor Leo J. Evans, Board Members William LaMarch, and Judy Schroeder (arrived at 1:04).

Absent: Jason Neumeier

Also Present: City Assessor Daina Norden, Deputy City Assessor Kevin Dubord, and City Clerk Robert S. Richards

Schroeder moved, LaMarch seconded, to approve the July 19, 2011, Board of Review Minutes as printed.

Ayes: Schroeder, LaMarch, Pearson

Nays: None

Abstain: Evans

After correction of Agenda Item F, Evans moved, Pearson seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the Agenda as amended.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST – None

The purpose of the December Meeting was to receive Homestead Exemption Affidavits, to correct clerical errors and/or mutual mistakes of fact on the above named date, and to hear requests for poverty exemptions for 2011.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

State Tax Commission Bulletin 18 of 2011

Assessor Norden briefly reviewed with the Board the 2011, Bulletin 18 from the State Tax Commission.

Homestead Changes for 2011

Pearson moved, LaMarch seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the following 2011 Homestead Changes:

Parcel No.	Name Original	Original	Adjusted	Difference
051-100-2931-259-002	DELAIRE A JAMES & PATRICK	0%	100%	100%
051-370-2919-160-004	KING KENT & RAQUEL	0%	100%	100%
051-120-2930-305-011	SMITH CRAIG	0%	100%	100%
051-010-2930-434-013	FIELDS WAYNE H & MONIQUE A	0%	100%	100%

Homestead Changes for 2010 and Prior

Evans moved, Schroeder seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the following 2010 and Prior Homestead Changes:

Parcel No.	Name	Years	Original	Adjusted	Difference
051-100-2931-259-002	DELAIRE A JAMES & PATRICK	2010, 2009	0%	100%	100%
051-370-2919-160-004	KING KENT & RAQUEL	2010	0%	100%	100%
051-120-2930-305-011	SMITH CRAIG	2010	0%	100%	100%
051-010-2930-434-013	FIELDS WAYNE H & MONIQUE A	2010, 2009, 2008	0%	100%	100%

Personal Property Changes for 2011

LaMarch moved, Schroeder seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the following 2011 Personal Property Changes:

Parcel No.	Name	SEV/Taxable	Adjusted	Difference	Reason
051-430-0000-000-475	Ace Refridgeration	19,090	0	-19,090	Moved out of business
051-430-0000-411-000	Woerpel Images	4,280	0	-4,280	Moved out of business
051-430-0000-325-062	Pricebusters Computer Sales	680	0	-680	Moved out of business
051-430-0000-157-500	GFS	95,672	94,603	-1,069	Amended Return
051-430-0000-390-510	Toyota Motor Credit Corp	7,235	0	-7,235	Duplicate File

2011 Veteran & Poverty Exemptions

Hardship Applications

Parcel No.	Name	SEV/Taxable	Adjusted	Difference
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LaMarch moved, Pearson seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to deny the following hardship application based on the income of approved guidelines.

051-040-2930-352-010	Janice Wetterhahn	52,236	52,236	0
		50,372	50,372	

LaMarch moved, Evans seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the following hardship application at 100%.

051-130-2930-126-001	Joan Gravelle	22,789	0	-22,789
		15,940	0	-15,940

Pearson moved, Evans seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to approve the following hardship application at 100%.

051-200-3606-186-004	Edward Bergeon	40,681	0	-40,681
		35,393	0	-35,393

Evans moved, LaMarch seconded, to approve the following hardship application at 100% based on medical expenses adjusting income below the cap. Ayes: Evans, Schroeder, Pearson – Nays: LaMarch. **MOTION CARRIED**

051-290-2825-452-020	Leila Johns	55,171	0	-55,171
		51,791	0	-51,791

Evans moved, LaMarch seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to deny the following hardship application due to lack of information.

051-370-2919-151-003	Christine Lauderville	17,704	17,704	0
		15,168	15,168	0

Schroeder moved, LaMarch seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to deny the following hardship application due to lack of information.

051-370-2919-177-003	Shelly & Keneth Rose	58,949	58,949	0
		58,217	58,217	0

Evans moved, LaMarch seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to deny the following hardship application due to lack of information, income questions on dependents, and various other concerns. Board Members suggested applicant attend Board Meeting to explain application.

051-420-2836-200-088	Brabyn Carrie	26,443	26,443	0
		17,909	17,909	0

Evans moved, LaMarch seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to deny the following hardship application due to lack applicant not residing at property a full year.

051-420-2836-200-089	Brabyn Duane,	19,298	19,298	0
	Kevin & Miller Hillary	15,400	15,400	0

Soldier & Sailor Exemption

LaMarch moved, Evans seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to deny the following Soldier & Sailor Exemption application due to lack of information, and to provide affidavit showing proof the DAV paid for repairs.

Parcel No.	Name	SEV/Taxable	Adjusted	Difference	Reason
051-260-2919-328-001	William F Sass	27,401	27,401	0	
		27,283	27,283	0	
051-260-2919-328-014		8,280	8,280	0	
		7,026	7,026	0	

March 2012 Meeting Dates

The Board set March 6, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. as the organizational meeting of the 2012 Board of Review, set March 12, 2012, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon – 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. as the first day of the 2012 Board of Review, March 14, 2012, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. as the evening portion of the 2012 Board of Review.

Discuss & Review Proposed Poverty Exemption Form

Assessor Norden presented a State form as a replacement for the City Poverty Exemption form, with inclusion review as to whether food stamps

Evans moved, Pearson seconded, **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**, to adopt the use of the State of Michigan Poverty Exemption Form for use by the City of Escanaba.

Hearing no further business or public comment, the Board adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert S. Richards, CMC
City Clerk