

Board of Review Organizational Meeting Held on March 3, 2015

Called to Order: 10:02 am at the Portage Township Office

Who Present: Bernie Carr, Dan Caron, Dave Wisti & Bruce Petersen (Acting Secretary)

Topics Addressed:

- Bernie Carr was elected again as the Chairperson for the upcoming two Board of Review (BOR) meetings.
 - Time limits for each appeal were discussed. It was decided that each parcel number presentation would be limited to 10 minutes. That 10 minutes would comprise the appellants presentation and the discussion of the facts by the Board. (1st D. Wisti, 2nd B. Fink Passed Unanimously)
 - A written authorization originating from the parcel number owner, allowing a presenter of the owners choosing to make his or her presentation/appeal to the B.O.R. will be required in the future. Only, blood and marriage relatives to the appellant can speak on their behalf without a written authorization. (B. Fink 1st, D. Wisti 2nd Passed Unanimously)
 - If an appellant resorts to using an “Income averaging approach” for the establishment of his or her tax liability – the Board has no economic data to challenge the appellants data SO: no action will be taken they will be referred to the to State Tax Tribunal.
 - There will be a lot of complaints concerning much higher SUV’s due to the 1.34 county multiplier. That number is generated from the State Tax Commission and cannot be changed/alterd locally. The BOR will forward those complain tents to our elected representatives so seek answers just why the co. multiplier went up so dramatically.
 - The Ad Valorem Assessment Rolls for Portage Township were reviewed by the BOR members.
- B. Fink motioned to accept the Assessment Roles for Portage TWP as presented from the Assessor. (D. Wisti seconded that motion. It was passed unanimously.
- It was noted that the B.O.R. two upcoming meetings will be held at the Township Office on:

Monday, March 9, 2015 from 9am to 3pm

Tuesday, March 10, 2015 from 3pm to 9pm

Motion by Bernie Carr and Seconded by B. Fink; Meeting was recessed at 10:50am until Monday at 9:00am.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Bruce Petersen
Acting Secretary for BOR