

Charter Portage Township
B.O.R. Meeting
07/17/17

Who Present: John Quinn, Abraham Romney, Linda Rulison & B. Petersen (Supervisor) & Laura Erhart (Assessor)

When and Where: John Quinn called the meeting to order at 10:09 AM. The meeting was convened at the Twp. Office, 27240 Green Acres Road, Houghton, MI. 49931

Discussion Points:

- Laura handed out a list of 26 petition items contained on a spread sheet that require discussion – they consisted of clerical errors, PRE, veteran’s exemptions, etc. (See List) The Board went over each one of the petitioned items on the list and discussed with Laura the comments that she prepared for each. After the 26 petitions were discussed by the Board in consultation with Laura, Romney moved to accept/move for an affirmative vote for all of the 26 petitions. That was seconded by Rulison and the motion passed unanimously.
- A short discussion followed of just what is considered “taxable”. Even sheds that can be moved with no foundations are taxable. All improvements to the property are considered taxable. About the only non-taxable item would be ice shanties which would be considered personnel property.
- Petition Number 27 – Elizabeth Karvacko Property number 31-010-006-012-00 The condition of the home renders it unlivable so the value was dropped to \$24,630.00. Romney motioned to accept the new property value supplied by the Assessor, that was seconded by Quinn and it passed unanimously.
- Petition Number 28 – Tim Palosaari property number 010-252-041-00. Laura told the Board that they can’t render a decision about property values at this July Board of Review meeting. Tim wanted the Board to review his assessed values for 2014, 2015 and 2016. Quinn motioned not to review again the 2016 Board’s earlier decision plus deny the petitioner’s request for 2015 and 2014 due to our lack of jurisdiction for those years at this meeting. Romney seconded – it was passed unanimously.
- Petitions 29 & 30 were for a PRE. The petitioner had verbally supplied the needed information to the Assessor but the hard copies have not arrived yet. The Board made a motion by Romney to accept here verbal information for the PRE pending the arrival of the written material. It was seconded by Quinn and passed unanimously. Laura noted that she has the right to resend PRE’s should the written materials indicate such.
- The next scheduled B.O.R. meeting is set for Dec. 11, 2017 at 10:00AM.

Quinn called for public comment - there was no public comment offered – Romney motioned and the meeting adjourned at 12:14 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce Petersen
Township Supervisor
BOR Acting Secretary

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