

Leola Local Board of Equalization/Special City Council Meeting  
March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Mayor Royce Erdmann called the Local Board of Equalization and Special City Council Meeting to order at 7 pm in the back room of the Municipal Building. City council members present: Jackie Rau, Alan Wimer, Michael Yost, Richard Reis, and Brett Schaible. Jackie Leibel was present via speaker phone. School board member present: Trevor Zantow. A quorum was established. Also present: Sondra Waltman, Leola City Finance Officer.

The Local Board of Equalization reviewed Appeal 01-2023 received from Brenda Rannow at 438 Grant Street. After reviewing the condition of the house, faults in the walls and basement floor along with water damage, Brooke Graves, McPherson County Director of Equalization, recommended a new value of \$17,889 rather than \$33,258 which is the value being appealed. Therefore, the total assessed value of \$22,089 is Graves's recommendation which includes the lot value of \$4,200. After discussion, Wimer moved with a second from Schaible to deny the appeal based on the lack of owner maintenance and repairs to keep the house in living condition standards, along with the lack of appeal of the valuation in 2022. All in favor, motion carried.

Appeal 02-2023 received from Steven and Erlita Neri at 405 Moulton Street was reviewed. After discussion, the house is unfinished and has mold, frost visible inside the walls, water leaking through the windows, cracks in the basement foundation, along with no heat or water. Graves recommended a new value of \$37,435 rather than the assessed value of \$111,405. Therefore, the total assessed value of \$40,912 is Graves's recommendation which includes the lot value of \$3,477. Reis moved with a second from Leibel to accept Appeal 02-2023 at the recommended values. All in favor, motion carried.

The 2023 Assessment Book was reviewed. The Local Board of Equalization's appeals will be reviewed and may be overruled by McPherson County's Board of Equalization.

At 7:17 pm, Reis moved with a second from Wimer to adjourn the Local Board of Equalization Meeting. All in favor, motion carried. At this time, Zantow left the meeting. The special city council meeting reconvened.

NEW BUSINESS

Snowplow – Discussion was held regarding a snowplow for sale but had been sold prior to the special meeting discussion. Since the plow was no longer available, Wimer moved with a second from Schaible to approve the purchase of the previously discussed cutting edge for \$1500. Reis opposed. All remaining members voted in favor; motion carried.

Public comments: None.

Additional topics: Discussion was held regarding the cleaning of the library computers as well as swimming lesson certification reimbursements.

At 7:36 pm, Wimer moved with a second from Reis to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Royce Erdmann  
Royce Erdmann, Mayor

Sondra Waltman  
ATTEST: Sondra Waltman, Finance Officer/Local BOE Clerk