

Property Tax Assessments Ad Hoc Advisory Board  
December 11, 2023 5:30 pm

Members: Glenda Gilbert, Stacey Prior, Dan Humphrey, Paul Rogers, Kevin Forster

Others present: Mayor Tom Morphet, CFO Jila Stuart, Deputy Clerk Kiersten Long, Kim Rosado, Blythe Carter, Katey Emma Begly, and Scott Hansen

On zoom: Brenda Josephson, Assembly Member Debra Schnabel, Donna Lambert, Diane La Course.

2. Approval of the Agenda and Consent Agenda

\*November 30, 2023 Minutes

**Motion:** Forster moved to “approve the agenda and the consent agenda” and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Comment

**Mayor Morphet** – The assessment issue is big in other communities. The State Assessor spoke at AML about how we can opt to be a disclosure city rather than a non-disclosure city.

**Hansen** – Please come talk to Borough staff about the assessment process.

**Carter** – In the proposed code for Structures Exempt from property tax, change the word from existence to private industry or cottage use.

**Rosado** – Fix problems

**Begly** - 4B composition of the BOE suggestion of desire of many members of the public don't want elected officials it should be appointed members instead of unelected.

4. Old Business

a. Review Mayor Morphet's Recommendations

b. Board of Equalization Membership

c. Initial Notice to Property Owners

1) Detail

a) Post Card vs Detailed Information

b) Possible link to Borough Data for Appellant

2) Mail from Haines vs Out-of-State

3) Deadline for Mailings

d. Exchange of Information between Assessor & Appellant

1) Minimum Timeframe

Old Business – Continued

**Motion: Gilbert** moved to “recommend HBC 3.72.XXX Exchange of Information to the Assembly for approval” and the motion carried unanimously.

*\*Clerk’s note: The advisory board didn’t address items 4e, 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d, and 5e due to time constraints.*

- e. Status of Short-term Assessor Contract.
5. New Business (Time permitting)
- a. Assessor Selection Process
  - b. Review 2023 Assessments – Open all/or some appeals, rescind & start over
  - c. Assessor Licensing and/or Certification
  - d. Assessment Priority
  - e. Full and true value
6. Public Comment:
- Rosado** – Process shouldn’t be changed midstream, file should be updated, agrees with the 10 days.
- Begly** – Notices should be post marked in Haines, loved the AI idea.
- Carter** – Procedures shouldn’t be changed, but if some are the changes should be mailed to the appellants. 10 days is good.
- Josephson** – Supports the 10 day notice, transparency is super important.
- Hansen** – All property folders are public knowledge
7. Committee Member Comments:
- Forster**
8. Set Meeting Dates

Adjourned 8:09 pm