

BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY

July 21, 2020

TAX APPEAL HEARINGS, Held Remotely via Zoom and call-in

Board of Civil Authority (BCA) Chair Del Cook called the meeting to order at 6:18 pm. Members present were Del Cook, Marge Munger, Laura Peterson, and Clerk Susan Gage.

Others present: Lisa Truchon from the Assessors' office, William and Melissa Thompson, appellants and David Pfander, appellant.

All BCA members have sworn in under the BCA Oath of Office. No conflicts of interest.

The following tax appeals were heard:

1. William and Melissa Thompson: Parcel 0089-1138; 1060 Union Street; Tax Map 10-01-16; Dwl & 39 Acres

Chair Del Cook administered the oath to Assessor, Lisa Truchon, and to Appellants, Melissa and William Thompson. Mr. Cook asked the Assessor to introduce the property. Assessor, Lisa Truchon began by explaining the definition and purpose of a reappraisal. She then presented the Thompson's property with a written description and property photo as well as the property listing details. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson stated that they had no issue with the valuation of their home but felt the land was valued too high. They stated that much of it is swampland. Ms. Truchon explained how land is valued and that it is based on economies of scale. Mr. Cook then asked the appellants to present their case. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson stated that much of their acreage is swampland and is under water frequently. They supplied property cards for Kjell Thompson and David Mills, nearby property owners, and indicated that those land values were less than theirs. The Thompson's would like their land reduced to a value closer to the properties they supplied, closer to \$300 an acre.

Mr. Cook then formed an inspection committee with himself and members Marge Munger and Laura Peterson. The inspection will commence on Tuesday, August 4, at 6:00 pm.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson stated that they would like to obtain the tax rates for next year to ascertain whether completing the tax appeal will be worth it. They would like to keep the inspection date, but they may withdraw their appeal depending on what the tax rates are.

Hearing was recessed at 6:58 pm.

2. David Pfander: Parcel 0001-0187; 501 Kimball Rd; Tax Map 02-01-17; Bldg & 2.1 Acres

Mr. Pfander stated that he will be out of town for work and requested that the hearing be recessed and continued on Wednesday, September 9 at 6 pm. The board also scheduled the site visit for the following day, Thursday, September 10, at 10 am.

Hearing was recessed at 7: 10 pm.

Del Cook, BCA Chairman

Susan Gage, Clerk

Attachments: Thompson - Exhibit A, Letter of Appeal and Comparable properties – Appellant; Exhibit B, Assessor's Reappraisal Overview – Assessor; Exhibit C, Assessor's overview of property and Lister Card – Assessor.