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Board of Assessors
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MEETING MINUTES
December 11, 2023

Board Members Present: Geraldine Walter, Jessica Perotti and Beverly Gilbert

Board Members Absent: None

Associate Assessor Present: Chris Cozzaglio

Public Present: None

Call to order: The meeting is called to order at 12:46 pm.

Review of meeting minutes from November 13, 2023: Following their review of the minutes for the November meeting, the board makes some minor wording changes. Bev makes a motion to approve the minutes of November 13, 2023 with the noted changes. Jess seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes.

Correspondence:

- Land of Low Value - Notice from Department of Revenue: Chris lets the board know there are five (5) Land of Low Value applications that have been submitted to the state. All 5 are coded as 131. He clarifies that since the lots are potentially buildable, they cannot be accepted under a low value status. He advises further research is needed to determine if the lots can actually be improved.
- Tyler Technologies – Renewal Notice: Jess presents the board with a renewal notice regarding the contract with Tyler Technologies, the database used for Assessors' owner records. Chris notes the invoice for this is scheduled to arrive in May 2024 but needs to be rescheduled to arrive on or after July 1, 2024. Jess agrees to send a request to reschedule the arrival of the invoice.

Old Business:

- Municipal COOP Checklist: Chris reports he has received all information needed for this and will draft a checklist to post in the office.

New Business:

- Motor Vehicle Abatement Applications: Processed at the end of the meeting.
- Proposed Budget – FY 2025: Following a brief discussion, the board agrees to review a copy of the current budget and will project expenses for next year.

Assessor Update: Chris advises he is waiting for the districts to enter information into Gateway to set their tax rates. It will take three (3) days to get the bills processed and mailed so he has scheduled some tentative dates for that.

Chris notes the due date for district salaries is January 2, 2024 and lets the board know he will be charging interest for any outstanding balances. He notes this will include past years that have not been charged interest. There is a brief discussion regarding if interest can be charged on district salaries. The board agrees their legislations will need to be reviewed. Chris advises he will be sending late notices January 15, 2024.

Chris lets the board know there will be approximately forty (40) personal property bills that will need to be issued after the Actual Bills go out because the new accounts were not created before the Actual Bills were issued.

Chris reminds the board of the QDS CAMA presentation that he will have available next Monday, December 18, 2023.

Public Input: None.

Any other business to come before the board:

- Jess reminds the board they still have not set a date for a meeting to discuss the contract with Regional Resource Group, 5K Program and to review Chapter 61 and exemption applications for FY 2025. Following a brief discussion, the board agrees to hold the meeting on December 21, 2023 at 2:45 pm and to include a discussion about the FY 2025 budget on the agenda.
- Jess asks Chris for clarification regarding residents who serve on town boards that do not collect a stipend and would like that time to be put towards the 5K Program. Chris explains the 5K Program is specifically for short order tasks that can be calculated with a start and stop time to generate an hourly rated credit. Town meetings are not held to deliberate over tasks specific to the 5K Program so serving as a board member at town meetings would not qualify.
- 746 Benton Hill Road: Jess asks Chris for an update on the land transfer done in 2021/FY 2022. He advises he will forward this to Harald Scheid for further advisement.

Adjournment: Bev makes a motion to adjourn. Geri seconds the motion. All in favor. Motion passes. The meeting is adjourned at 1:51 pm.