

Board of Review Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at the Rockland Town Hall
Adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Present were Clerk Charette, Chairman Cashman, Supervisor Van Vonderen, Supervisor Lasee, Alternate Board Member Treasurer Van Dyck, and Assessor Robert Taicher.

Chairman Cashman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Clerk Charette verified that notices for both Open Book and Board of Review were properly posted; the Board of Review notice was also published in the Press Gazette on April 24, 2016.

Appointment of Chairperson

M/M by Supervisor Van Vonderen to appoint Chairman Cashman as Chairperson of Board of Review; seconded by Supervisor Lasee. Motion carried.

Appointment of Vice-Chairperson

M/M by Supervisor Van Vonderen to appoint Supervisor Lasee as Vice Chairperson of Board of Review; seconded by Chairman Cashman. Motion carried.

Chairman Cashman presented the agenda.

Acceptance of Board of Review Member Training Affidavit

Chairman Cashman, Supervisor Van Vonderen, and Treasurer Van Dyck attended Board of Review training on February 27, 2016. The Board of Review member training affidavit was submitted to the Department of Revenue on March 28, 2016.

M/M by Chairman Cashman to accept the Member Training Affidavit as presented; seconded by Supervisor Van Vonderen. Motion carried.

Acceptance of Assessor's Affidavit and Oath

Bob Taicher read his Assessor's affidavit, dated May 10, 2016, to the Board and presented it to Clerk Charette for notarization.

Motion by Chairman Cashman to accept the Assessor's Affidavit and Oath as presented; seconded by Supervisor Van Vonderen. Motion carried.

Board of Review Functions

Assessor Taicher stated that the rolls are complete. The Board reviewed the real property and personal property roll trial balance. The total roll trial balance for 2016 is \$196,147,000 (\$194,952,200 real property and \$1,194,800 personal property). This represents \$4,813,200.00 in increased value above the 2015 tax rolls. The roll trial balance does not include the totals for manufacturing

Assessor Taicher informed the Board that he held Open Book on April 18, 2016, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Rockland Town Hall. One owner on Laddie Trail appeared at Open Book. Last year,

the owner took out a building permit for \$55,000 to construct a pool. After construction began, the owner cut back the project total by \$25,000. Assessor Taicher then decreased the value of the improvement by such. Additionally, Assessor Taicher removed the value of the Kevin Norton building from the tax roll after it was damaged by fire.

Treasurer Van Dyck stated that all of the personal property has been paid in full.

Appearances and Deliberations

None

Review of Assessment Records for Real and Personal Property

Supervisor Van Vonderen asked what type of parcels are included in the 726 acres of undeveloped land. Taicher explained that some of these are parcels are residential but also include undeveloped land on them. Supervisor Van Vonderen asked what type of property was included in the 165 acres classified as "Other." Taicher explained that the "Other" classification includes farmhouses and sheds. The "Agricultural" classification includes the actual land being farmed.

Chairman Cashman asked which properties were included in the Class E4= Exempt-Municipality. Taicher stated that this classification includes Parcel R-96-1, the Rockland Town Hall; R-271- Joint School District 5; and R-686 - County Trunk Highway W which was donated from the Nichols family.

The Board discussed other properties and assessed values.

M/M by Supervisor Van Vonderen to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.; seconded by Supervisor Lasee.
Motion carried by voice vote.

All minutes have been taken truthfully and honestly and to the best of my knowledge and ability.

Jann Charette
Town Clerk

Minutes approved as written / with corrections (**strike one**) by the Town Board on Monday, May 16, 2016.

Dennis J. Cashman
Town Chairman