

MINUTES
BOARD OF REVIEW
MONDAY - SEPTEMBER 25, 2017

The City of New London Board of Review met in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building on Monday, September 25, 2017.

Members present: Gary Henke, Chairman; Dave Morack, Vice Chairman; Susan Tennie, Secretary; Dennis Herter and Bob Besaw

Other present: Mike Barrington, Alternate; John Faucher, Alternate; City Assessor, Adam Servi, Keystone Appraisal Group; Jennifer McLeod, Court Reporter

Chairman Henke officially convened the meeting for the Court Reporter's record at 2 p.m.

Morack/Herter to adopt agenda. Carried 5-0. Roll call was taken. Tennie reported that the Assessment Rolls have been prepared, signed and are ready for review by the Board. Notice of this meeting has been published and posted as required by law.

All members have met the mandatory training required by the Department of Revenue.

The City has an Ordinance pertaining to Confidentiality of Income & Expenses which has been provided to the Assessor for Assessment purposes.

The City also has policies on procedures for *Waiver of Board of Review Hearing Requests* and for *Sworn Telephone or Sworn Written Testimony Requests*.

The City Assessor presented to the Board information on the preparation of the City's 2017 Assessment Rolls and the 2017 Revaluation. Keystone Appraisal Group has completed a revaluation of all City properties. These changes will be reflected in the current 2017 assessment values.

Three petitioners have scheduled appointments to appear before the Board.

Morack/Herter to recess until the first scheduled appointment at 3:10 p.m. or such time as a citizen might appear prior to that. Carried 5-0

At 2:30 p.m. Chairman Henke called the Board to order to hear the objection of Timothy Geske, 711 Wyman Street. Secretary Tennie administered oaths to Mr. Geske and Assessor Servi. As a result of the revaluation, the property is valued at \$25,500 land, \$201,700 Improvements, for a total of \$227,200. Mr. Geske purchased this property in September 2016 in the amount of \$224,900. He believes the property value to be worth \$203,000 per the Appraisal Report submitted to the Board. Assessor Servi explained the process how he arrived at the current assessment value.

Motion by Morack, second by Besaw to sustain the Assessor's total valuation of \$227,200. Motion carried 5-0. A Notice of Board of Review Determination was handed to Mr. Geske. Board to go into recess.

At 3:10 p.m. Chairman Henke called the Board to order to hear the objection of Orland Radtke, 1501 Algoma Street. Secretary Tennie administered oaths to Mr. Radtke and Assessor Servi. As a result of the revaluation, the property is valued at \$34,600 land, \$131,300 Improvements, for a total of \$165,900. Mr. Radtke stated the property is overvalued and should be assessed at \$145,000. The Assessor had originally valued the property at \$205,000 but met with Mr. Radtke during open book and lowered the assessment to \$165,900. Radtke submitted an Appraisal Report valuing the home at \$150,000. After a lengthy discussion and his review of the Appraisal Report, Assessor Servi recommended to the Board to lower the Assessment to \$34,600 land, \$125,300 Improvements, for a total valuation of \$159,900.

Motion by Besaw, second by Herter to accept the Assessor's total valuation of \$159,900. Motion carried 5-0. A Notice of Board of Review Determination was handed to Mr. Radtke. Board to go into recess.

At 4:10 p.m. Chairman Henke called the Board to order to hear the objection of Duprey Michels, 203 E. Quincy Street. Secretary Tennie administered oaths to Ms. Michels and Assessor Servi. As a result of the revaluation, the property is valued at \$17,000 land, \$111,600 Improvements, for a total of \$128,600. Ms. Michels stated the property is overvalued and should be assessed at \$109,000, per the 2015 Appraisal Report submitted to the Board. The Assessor had met with Ms. Michels during open book; he reviewed the assessment again and stands firm with a total assessment of \$128,600 based on recent sales.

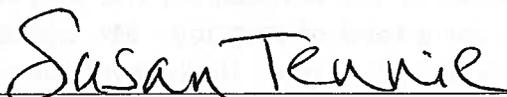
Motion by Morack, second by Herter to sustain the Assessor's total valuation of \$128,600. Motion carried 5-0. A Notice of Board of Review Determination was handed to Ms. Michels. Board to go into recess.

At 4:50 p.m. Chairman Henke called the Board to order to hear the objection of Adam Dobbert, 320 E. Washington Street. Secretary Tennie administered oaths to Mr. Dobbert and Assessor Servi. As a result of the revaluation, the property is valued at \$16,000 land, \$86,100 Improvements, for a total of \$102,100. Mr. Dobbert feels the assessment is over inflated due to the drawbacks of the house and that a fair assessment would be \$83,500. He purchased the property in 2012 for \$80,000 from a relocation company. The Assessor distributed and reviewed a Sales comparison sheet he compiled supporting his current assessment taking into account the deficiencies Mr. Dobbert had mentioned.

Motion by Morack, second by Besaw to sustain the Assessor's total valuation of \$102,100. Motion carried 5-0. A Notice of Board of Review Determination was handed to Mr. Dobbert.

As there are no other scheduled appointments and the Board has been in session for three hours, motion by Morack, second by Herter to adjourn sine die. Carried 5-0.

Board adjourned at 5:17 p.m.



Susan Tennie, Secretary

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