

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board of Assessors met on Wednesday, August 3, 2022, at approximately 6:04 PM. Present were Chairwoman Paula Bunker, Clerk Cheryl Smith, Member Deborah Cauley, Principal Assessor Ann Williams, and Secretary Daniela Nilsson.

The Principal Assessor stated that she had recently inspected the home for Fiscal Year 2022 Abatement Application #72. She added that she had also reviewed the Building Department's file and plans. She stated the assessment was accurate and the only adjustment she made would result in a \$4.87 abatement. She added that normally she wouldn't abate such a minor amount but since this taxpayer had filed for 2021 and 2022, she wanted to bring it to the Board's attention. She stated she had spoken to the homeowner and informed him of the small abatement amount, and that he was understanding. The homeowner then inquired about his 2021 application, since it had been filed at the Appellate Tax Board. The Principal Assessor stated she had looked back in the file after speaking to the homeowner to review it. She noted that the assessment was originally \$724,500 and was adjusted to \$647,500. The homeowner had stated in their conversation that he did not receive his certificate of occupancy until April and that the home was not complete as of the assessment date. The Principal Assessor stated that it would be difficult to state indefinitely how complete the home was as of June 30th since she was not the Assessor at the time, but that she would do further research. Clerk Smith questioned why the homeowner had not put that on his 2021 abatement application. The Principal Assessor stated she was surprised it was not mentioned on his application and he only stated it was overvalued and the square footage was incorrect. Clerk Smith suggested checking the census data as an indicator of whether the house was being lived in. The Chairwoman stated she was aware that they had lived in hotels for months before they were able to move to the new home but was not certain of any dates. The Board agreed to the \$4.87 abatement for Fiscal Year 2022 and asked that the Principal Assessor continue to research the Fiscal Year 2021 status. The Principal Assessor agreed and stated she hoped to find some middle ground.

A **motion** was made by Clerk Smith and seconded by Member Cauley to adjourn Executive Session. A **roll call vote** was taken as follows: Chairwoman Bunker = affirmative, Clerk Smith = affirmative, and Member Cauley = affirmative. The Board adjourned Executive Session at approximately 6:27 P.M.

Next Meeting: August 17, 2022

I certify that the minutes of this meeting are true and accurate to the best of my recollection.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl Smith, Clerk

Prepared by Secretary, Daniela Nilsson