



# **CASCADE**

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## **CASCADE TOWNSHIP OLMSTED COUNTY-MINNESOTA BOARD OF APPEALS AND EQUALIZATION MEETING MINUTES**

April 20, 2021

### **OPENING BUSINESS**

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am in person at the Cascade Township Hall and via the call-in declaration as set by Chairman Sieck. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Those in attendance were Supervisors Dean Hegrenes, Mike Black, Teresa Walters, and Arlen Heathman. Supervisor Gary Sieck attended via call-in number.

Members calling in from Olmsted County Assessment Services included: Julie Hackman, Kathy Frette, Thomas Goedken, and additional staff coordinated in the call-in by Julie Hackman.

### **CASCADE CITIZENS' APPEALS**

- **Mr. Francisco Lopez, 7444 Hamilton Lane NW**  
Mr. Lopez expressed concern about the appraised value (EMV) of his property and the amount of taxes he is assessed for his property as compared to many of the properties in the near vicinity that are, in his opinion, of similar size and value of his property. Mr. Lopez did not necessarily have issues with the assessed value (EMV) of his property, but it was expressed as more of a concern of equity of assessed value and resultant tax assessment as compared with similar properties in the area. After much discussion with the Assessment Office and the Board, it was suggested that Mr. Lopez summarize his concern about his property and some of the properties he is comparing to from an equity comparison to enable the Assessment Team (specifically Thomas Goedken) to investigate whether any adjustments in EMV or tax assessment are in order. Mr. Lopez agreed to summarize his concerns and comparison properties for review by Thomas Goedken via an email to: [Goedken.Thomas@co.olmsted.mn.us](mailto:Goedken.Thomas@co.olmsted.mn.us) and copy Cascade Township Clerk. That action would need to be completed promptly to enable review prior to the June 15<sup>th</sup> Olmsted County Board of Appeals and Equalization Meeting.

It was moved by Supervisor Heathman and seconded by Supervisor Walters for no change in the evaluation and that the Cascade Board agreed with the stated approach and deferred to the County Appraiser review as summarized above. Thus, the Board has not precluded Mr. Lopez from

bringing his appeal to the County Board for review at the June meeting if not resolved via the proposed process. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

- **Mr. William Fitzgerald, Wilmar Investments, 2505 Lennox Court SW**

Mr. Fitzgerald had some questions concerning how the values were arrived at for the flowing parcels and whether those values would change if there were access to one of the parcels to the south of the 55<sup>th</sup> Street extension, and how he might address getting said access. The parcels in question were: 741411082391 (45 acres) and 741414031005 (70 acres). The Assessment Team summarized what category the two parcels were assessed under, and that the access question would be best addressed to Olmsted Co. Public Works. If access were granted and/or property reclassified, then perhaps these properties would be revisited for value and tax base. It was suggested that Mr. Fitzgerald contact the Olmsted County Engineer's Office for discussion of access, and if access is granted, revisit the Assessment Team on any adjustment to classification and/or appraised value of properties. The Board deferred to Olmsted County for any further actions on this pending outcome of Mr. Fitzgerald's actions.

It was moved by Supervisor Heathman and seconded by Supervisor Walters for no change in the evaluation and that the Cascade Board agreed with the stated approach and deferred to the County Assessment Team any changes deemed appropriate pending outcome of Mr. Fitzgerald's actions. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

It was moved by Supervisor Heathman and seconded by Supervisor Black to adjourn. All voted in favor, and the meeting adjourned at 10:26 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Rudquist  
Cascade Township Clerk/Treasurer

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Chairman Gary Sieck

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