

City of Greenfield
Assessor's Meeting
January 9, 2024

14 Court Square, 2nd Floor Meeting Room

9:30 AM

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM by Chief Assessor Randall Austin,

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS: Clerk Jim Geisman, Chief Assessor Randall Austin, Chuck Green, Assessors' Clerk Devon Magoon

Chief Assessor Randall Austin read December 19th, 2023 meeting minutes.

MOTION: On a motion by Chief Assessor Randall Austin, second by Clerk Geisman it was unanimously;

VOTED: TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE DECEMBER 9TH, 2023 MEETING MINUTES.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comment was opened by Chief Assessor Randall Austin at 9:34 AM.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

MOTION: On a motion by Chief Assessor Austin second by Chuck Green it was unanimously;

VOTED: to appoint Jim Geisman as Chair of the Board of Assessors.

The board discussed MV excise abatements.

MOTION: On a motion by Chair Geisman, second by Chief Assessor Austin it was unanimously;

VOTED: TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$560.80 FOR THE WEEKS OF 12/15/23- 1/08/24 AT 9:42 AM.

Chuck Green inquired into door access and the policy for streaming BOA meetings for the public.

Janine Greaves Executive Assistant joined as guest Notary at 9:50 AM.

A total of 7 liens and lien releases for chapterland notarized and reviewed by the board.

The Board reviewed 4 Chapterland applications:

1 in forestry 61

3 in 61A

Mayor Desorgher joined as guest at 9:56 AM.

MOTION: On a motion by Chief Assessor Austin, second by Clerk Jim Geisman, it was unanimously;

VOTED: TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE 4 CHAPTERLAND APPLICATIONS AT 9:57 AM.

Chief Assessor discussed new Chapterland deadlines.

Mayor Desorgher commented that the Board of Assessors will be planning to Zoom future BOA meetings and also to look into open meeting law roll call and other guidelines.

Chief Assessor Randall Austin discussed records retention process.

Board discussed calendar timeline, office manual and adding guides to help maintain structure in the office.

Board discussed the public response to higher property values and tax bills.

Board discussed the possibility of adopting new policies for senior and vet exemptions to better assist those struggling to pay taxes.

Mayor Desorgher commented on capturing new growth specifically on marijuana dispensary properties.

Chuck Green suggested leveraging STWO for specialized assistance.

Mayor Desorgher is looking into adding another member for the BOA.

Mayor Desorgher exited at 10:54 AM.

MOTION: On a motion by Chief Assessor Randall Austin, second by Chair Jim Geisman it was unanimously;
VOTED: TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT AT 11:00 AM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: On a motion by Chief Assessor Randall Austin, second by Chair Jim Geisman it was unanimously;
VOTED: TO OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 11:01 AM.

Board to discuss exemptions, pending ATB cases, and abatements in executive session.

MOTION: On a motion by Chair Geisman, second by Chief Assessor Randall Austin it was unanimously;
VOTED: TO CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 12:03 AM.

Next meeting is scheduled for Jan 23rd.

MOTION: On a motion by Chair Geisman, second by Chief Assessor Randall Austin, it was unanimously;
VOTED: TO ADJOURN AT 12:03 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Devon Magoon
Assessors Clerk
Greenfield Assessors