

**Minutes
Bethel Board of Assessors
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February 3, 2010 8:00 AM

Town Office

Members Present: Stan Howe, Robert Everett, David Luxton, Donald Bennett
Members Absent: Bob Blake
Staff Present: Sarah S. Tucker, Assessing Assistant, Jake Van Tuinen,
Assessors Agent
Others Present: None

There is a full recording of the meeting in Windows Media Audio file format

1. Call to Order

At 8:00 am Vice Chairman Don Bennett called the meeting to order; shortly thereafter Stan Howe arrived and took over the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes: December 2, 2009

Robert Everett made the motion to approve the minutes, Stan Howe seconded the motion; the motion was carried by three votes; David Luxton abstained from voting because he did not attend the meeting.

3. Requested Abatements & Supplementals:

1. Sankey, Derek

Jake VanTuinen stated that Mr. Sankey was able to negotiate a favorable price, below the assessed value, on an attractive piece of real estate. Jake pointed out, however, that the sale occurred after the commitment date of April 1, 2009 and that the sale would be reflected in the next year's sales ratio study. There was considerable discussion of the sales ratio analysis.

After discussion Robert Everett made the motion to deny the abatement, Don Bennett seconded the motion; it was unanimously approved.

2. Howe, John

Stan Howe stepped down from the board because he is related to the applicant; he is his brother.

Stan Howe presented a brief history of the lot.

There was discussion of the value of the lot with, and without, access to Intervale Road. Jake Van Tuinen stated that assessed value of the land, \$22,500, already reflected the lack of direct access.

After discussion Robert Everett made the motion to deny the abatement, Don Bennett seconded the motion; it was unanimously approved.

Stan Howe rejoined the board.

4. Approval of Veterans Exemptions

1. Long, Danny B., Sr.
2. Scott, John K.

Robert Everett made the motion to approve the Veterans Exemptions, Don Bennett seconded the motion; it was unanimously approved.

5. Approval of Homestead Exemptions

1. Berry, David C.
2. Crockett, Jarrod
3. Doar, James
4. Hicks, Michael S.
5. Keane, Stephen P.
6. Lovejoy, Stephen
7. Long, Danny B.
8. Roy, Patricia Clough
9. St. Germain, Charles
10. Scott, John K.
11. Sutton, Steven C.
12. Sweetser, Tommy I.
13. Willets, Howard, III

Don Bennett made the motion to approve the Homestead Exemptions, Robert Everett seconded the motion; it was unanimously approved.

6. Other Business

None

7. Adjourn

Robert Everett made the motion to adjourn; it was unanimously approved.