

Board of Assessors

January 4, 2000 - **Minutes**

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PRESENT: Assessor Peter S. Barney, Chairman, Assessor Marty Treadup, Clerk, Assessor Robert Pacheco, Norman A. Bergeron, Administrative Assistant, Marianna M. Penha, Recording Clerk.

Meeting called to order at 9:10 A.M.

Assessor Barney: This being the first meeting of the new calendar year 2000 it is our annual Reorganizational Meeting as required by law.

Our first order of business today is to elect the officers for the coming year. Nominations are now open for Chairman of the Board.

Assessor Pacheco: I nominate Peter S. Barney for Chairman.

Assessor Treadup: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Pacheco: I nominate Marty Treadup for Clerk.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Treadup: I move that nominations be closed.

Assessor Barney: Move that the Board calls for a vote on the two nominations as accepted.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Barney: We have a corrected updated version of the Overlay Account from Mr. Bergeron, setting the exact figure in use for the recap sheet for the Overlay values, to start the year off. It comes out to \$2,285,625.80.

We have all received a copy of the State Ethics Commission Seminar. The Mayor has requested that all Unit C and Board members attend.

Assessor Barney: We have two Personal Property abatements to vote on.

Acct. #7046 Kenneth Ponte

Recommendation is to abate \$800 in value and \$26.49 in taxes.

Assessor Treadup: Follow recommendation.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Barney: Acct. #8580 People's Mortgage

Recommendation is to abate \$1,130 in value and \$27.03 in taxes.

Assessor Treadup: Move to abate.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Barney: We have a letter from Anne Carney regarding quarterly taxes. We will receive and place on file.

Assessor Treadup: So moved.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Barney: We have the exemption package and the total amount of exemptions for Clauses 22, 22A, 22B, 17, 37 & 41, 42 is \$702,550,56.

Assessor Treadup: Move to approve exemptions as listed.

Assessor Barney: Second.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Barney: Mr. Bergeron, do you have anything to add today?

N. Bergeron: I will be meeting with Carlos, John Duffy & Carol Roy on the Re-Val and the possibility of shifting some of the workload and whether there should be some overtime.

We have not heard from the Appellate Tax Board on 36 cases that are still open.

Assessor Treadup: I have a question on the interior inspection by our listers. When should they occur, and should the taxpayer be called or notified first.

N. Bergeron: I think that the problem with that is that people make appointments and don't keep them, then we have to reschedule. If we are talking about a few properties it wouldn't be so bad, but if we're talking about 300 or so then it creates a logistical problem.

M. Treadup: What if the taxpayer files an overvalue abatement and complains that we are setting a value without even looking at the property.

N. Bergeron: In all honesty, I think that we should just deny the abatement, and let them go to the Appellate Tax Board if they want to. I'm wondering if perhaps a point we should consider for inclusion on the applications for next year, would be to have the applicant check off yes or no as to whether or not the interior was reviewed.

Assessor Barney: We will make a motion that abatements will not be granted if interior inspections are refused by the applicant.

Assessor Treadup: So moved.

Assessor Pacheco: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Assessor Treadup: Move to adjourn.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 A.M.

Marty Treadup, Clerk