

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

JULY 8, 2003

PRESENT: Assessor Peter S. Barney, Chairman, Assessor Marty Treadup, Carol I. Roy, Acting Administrative Assistant, Marianna M. Penha, Recording Clerk (Assessor Pacheco, Clerk, absent)

Meeting called to order at 9:19 A.M.

Assessor Barney: We will begin with the sales listed in Banker & Tradesmen for last week.

<u>Property Address:</u>	<u>Assessed:</u>	<u>Sold:</u>
327 Davis Street	\$137,000	\$235,000
25 Briarwood Drive	\$173,800	\$252,000
480 Belleville Avenue	\$106,900	\$235,000
293 Rockdale Avenue	\$108,900	\$183,000
75 Belleville Road	\$120,800	\$182,000
1417 Braley Road	\$114,100	\$202,000
248 Chestnut Street	\$88,500	\$150,000
710 County Street	\$214,100	\$329,900
187 Division Street	\$98,900	\$150,000
Phillips Avenue (new)		\$251,000
70 Rockland Street	\$114,600	\$255,000
229 State Street	\$139,400	\$259,900
219 Ohio Street	\$163,700	\$234,900
21 Ashland Place	\$105,500	\$200,000

102 Purchase Street	\$105,100	\$250,000
145 Princeton Street	\$135,300	\$269,900
17 Stapleton Street	\$147,100	\$264,000
508 Lantern Lane	\$191,600	\$279,000

Assessor Barney: I have been notified by our Clerk that we have no minutes to vote on this morning, due to the fact that the office has become extremely short handed. We lost one Clerk at the beginning of this year, her backup has been out for two weeks due to illness, and is now out on vacation for two weeks. This is happening at one of the busiest months that we have, July, where hundreds of the Elderly, Blind and Veterans come in with their abatement applications and hundreds of pieces of mail coming in during the month.

Assessor Barney: We are down to only four Clerks on the other side, and, we have vacations scattered into this, with a policy of only one Clerk at a time being out. The fact is that we do not have enough staff to handle all of this and certain things will have to be put on the back burner. Minutes of the meetings, especially short minutes, can be done at a later date. We have to make decisions as to what is important and unfortunately with the total lack of staff it is imperative that the remaining staff concentrate their efforts on being accurate with the jobs that must be handled immediately, and wait on jobs that have less of an impact.

We do not have an update on the Re-Val except that I have begun to look at figures in individual neighborhoods to try to get a handle on what things look like. John Duffy is working his way into the North End. When you look in the Patriot System you can see that the South half of the City has a lot of new figures reflecting the rapid change in values, the North End doesn't show anything yet.

We have not heard from the Appellate Tax Board on the Fleet case. Usually everyone up there is on vacation in July. We have not also had any new cases, and the 90 days for decisions are running out.

That concludes our agenda for today.

Assessor Treadup: Move to adjourn.

Assessor Barney: Second.

All in favor? "Aye"

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 A.M.

Robert Pacheco, Clerk