

MINUTES  
ORONOCO TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEALS & EQUALIZATION  
APRIL 17, 2017

The Oronoco Township Board of Appeals and Equalization was called to order on April 17, 2017, at 4:30 pm by Chairman Neil Stolp. Supervisor Charlie Lacy and Treasurer Kim Stanton were present. Also present were Julie Hackman and Tom Goedken, Olmsted County appraisers.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ken Mergen, 13043 Sunset Bay Road NW, Oronoco, discussed three parcels of adjoining property, two on which his home and garage are located, and the third which has his septic drain field. He felt the percent increase was too great, especially on the property containing the septic drain field. Julie Hackman and Tom Goedken indicated that the valuation was based on increased home sale prices in the area, and noted that the property had been undervalued for years. Charlie Lacy made a motion to establish parcel 46263 (the drain field parcel) at \$39,000.00, down from \$63,000.00. Neil Stolp seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0.

Kim Stanton, 13153 18th Ave NW, Oronoco, asked why his property valuation went up and his homesteader valuation went down. Ms. Hackman and Mr. Goedken indicated that the relationship between the two was inverse: as home valuation goes up the homesteader valuation decreases.

Theda Lyke, 13051 18th Ave NW, Oronoco, asked about the class change from Agricultural to Residential for her property. No action was needed.

Steve Yngsdal, 3707 Blakesley Lane NW, Rochester, contested valuation of property located at 284 Fisherman's Drive NW, Oronoco. Per Mr. Yngsdal the property is not buildable. Mr. Goedken indicated the valuation was based on it being a building site. Charlie Lacy made a motion to establish the property value at \$82,000.00, down from \$100,000.00. Neil Stolp seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0.

Charlie Lacy made a motion to adjourn at 5:30 pm. Neil Stolp seconded the motion. Motion passed 2-0.

Respectfully Submitted

Lucy Shonyo, Clerk