

Minutes of Board of Appeal and Equalization
Tuesday, April 20, 2021
City of Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota

1. The Hoyt Lakes City Council met as the Board of Appeal and Equalization on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 via Zoom due to COVID-19 at 5:00 p.m. Those present: Mayor Chris Vreeland, Councilors: David Zins, Dan Popp, Christine Peterson, Debra Kramar. Also present: Andrew Olson, Ben Thomas, and Paul Cherry of the St. Louis County Assessor's Department as City Assessor.
2. St. Louis County reviewed procedures and the past assessment year noting there were 31 improved sales in the City of Hoyt Lakes between October 1, 2019 and September 30, 2020. The overall median assessment ratio for those sales was 89.861%. The state mandated level of assessment is between 90% and 105% of sale prices. In order to get the median ratio to fall within the state mandated level of assessment a 10% increase was placed on land rates for the in-town neighborhoods, including commercial, as well as the Colby Ridge and Lakeview neighborhoods on Colby Lake. In addition, a 10% building rate increase was placed on properties in the Hoyt Lakes Subdivision 4 (outer section of Hoyt Lakes including Coventry and Leeds Roads) neighborhood. These changes brought the overall median ratio to 93.2% for Hoyt Lakes which falls within the state mandated assessment level of 90% to 105%.
3. Saint Louis County staff represented Jerry and Amy Norenberg via email to appeal and dispute the increased valuation of their property (142-0024-04970, 500 Coventry Road, \$136,300); St. Louis County Assessor Andrew Olson recommended no change as the increase is in line with other neighboring properties. Moved by Councilor Popp, supported by Councilor Zins, to recommend no change for the request of Jerry and Amy Norenberg (142-0024-04970; \$136,300). Roll Call: Ayes: Zins, Popp, Peterson, Kramar, Vreeland; Naves: none. Motion carried.
4. Councilor Kramar moved, supported by Councilor Peterson, to adjourn the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization at 6:00 p.m. Roll Call: Ayes: Zins, Popp, Peterson, Kramar, Vreeland; Naves: None. Motion carried.

Chris J. Vreeland
Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Rebecca Burich
City Clerk-Treasurer