

MINUTES NOT YET APPROVED

Town of Lenroot
Board of Review
June 07, 2017
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Chairman Christians opened the Board of Review Meeting for the Town of Lenroot on this 7th, day of June, 2017, @5:00 pm.

Board Members Present:

Assessor present:

Chairman Christians
Supervisor Sjostrom
Supervisor Jason Sjostrom
Supervisor Kariainen
Clerk Carol Stone

Claude Riglemon

Absent: Roger Hoff, Supervisor

It is acknowledge that the Chairman Gordon Christians ,Supervisor Steven Kariainen and Carol Stone, Clerk are Certified Members of the Board of Review.

Supervisor Kariainen made a motion to appoint Chairman Christians as President of the Board of Review. All in favor 5 yes, 0 no. Motion carried. Supervisor Jason Sjostrom made a motion to appoint Supervisor Kariainen as Vice President of the Board of Review. All in favor. 5 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

There was one formal objection: James Simmons. Objecting to his property being reclassified from agriculture to forestry. Reclassification would increase his taxes.

The assessor Claude Riglemon and resident James Simmons were sworn in by Carol Stone, Town Clerk.

Both the assessor and the objector waived their 48 hour notice.

Testimony: Mr. Simmons stated that he would want to leave the classification as agriculture. He is in the process of clearing the land so that he can run cattle on the property.

Assessor Claude Riglemon: stated that in 2014 he approached the Board of Review with an increase on this property as at that time the fence was not up and no cattle were on the property in questions. He was told that there was a dispute between Mr. Simmons and the town regarding the property line. The previous chairman put no deadline on the issue and said when the dispute was resolved he would have to put the fence up and run cows on the property. As of 2017, no fence is up and no animals on property. Mr. Riglemon reclassified the property from agriculture to forestry. Assessor Riglemon stated he had no other situation like this in the Town of Lenroot or any other place. In order to change the classification back to agriculture, Mr.Simmons must have the property fenced and animals on the property by 1/01/2018.

Mr. Simmons stated he would do his best to get the fence up and animals in.

The testimony was closed @5:45 pm.

The Board deliberated this issue. Chairman Christians made a motion to maintain the classification of forestry and the tax increase would be in force until the fence was up and cattle was on the property. If Mr. Simmons complies with the fencing and animals, the classification can be changed back to agriculture for 2018.

As there were no other issues brought before the Board of Review, the chairman asked for a motion to adjourn.

Adjournment: Supervisor Jason Sjostrom made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Supervisor Sjostrom 2nd the motion . All in favor. 5 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned: June 7, 2017 @7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Carol Stone, Clerk