

BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION
MAY 4, 2010

Meeting called to order by Mayor Tammy Konz at 6pm

Council members present: Tammy Konz, Eric Loewen, Joe Krippner, DuWayne Orbeck and Chris Jansky

Others present: Darrel Curtis, Gary Grossinger, Cheryl Foster, Paul Epple, Jodi Orbeck, Deb Erhard and John Erhard

County Assessor Gary Grossinger reported that property values are decreasing by approximately 5% which is typical with small towns in Stearns County. Appraiser Cheryl Foster from the Assessor's Office reported on sales in the area which does not include foreclosures. This is the 2nd year of declining property values.

Darrel Curtis asked about his decreasing residential property value and his increasing agricultural value. Current Green Acres values are at \$2800/acre. There is currently no Market Value to sell to developers but there is Green Acre value to sell to farmers and that is why some of his property is increasing.

Motion made by Joe Krippner and seconded by Eric Loewen to make no change to Darrel Curtis' property value, PID 60.34347.0000 AND PID 60.34349.0000; motion carried

Paul Epple and Jodi Orbeck also asked about their declining property value and their concern over special assessments. County Assessor Grossinger again explained their office has nothing to do with special assessments only property values and explained the Market Value is based on sales for the year.

Motion made by Joe Krippner and seconded by Chris Jansky to make no change to Paul Epple's property value, PID 60.34337.0000; motion carried

Motion made by Eric Loewen and seconded by Chris Jansky to adjourn at 6:56pm; motion carried

Respectfully submitted by Nicole Pilarski