

MEETING MINUTES

CLARA CITY
LOCAL BOARD OF APPEAL & EQUALIZATION
SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday
April 9, 2019
6:00 PM

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
CLARA CITY, MINNESOTA

Present: Gary Nelson, Rhonda Pieper, Jeffrey Davids, Nathan Speiser and Vic Sparks

Absent: None

Staff: Judy Gosseling (Deputy-Clerk), Julie Aalfs (Deputy Clerk), and Windy Block (City Administrator)

Other: Bonnie Crosby (Chippewa County Assessor), and Tammy Mortenson (Deputy County Assessor) and Sam Peterson (CC Herald)

1. Call to Order--By Mayor Gary Nelson at 6:00 P.M. A Quorum was declared as being present.

1. (A) *Mayor Nelson noted that Councilor Nate Speiser and himself have both attained the required LBAE training within the past four years and, as such, the presence of at least one of them at this meeting validates the Council's holding of the meeting.*

2. Additions/Deletions/Modifications to Agenda—None.

3. Introduction by the City's Assessor—Bonnie Crosby and Tammy Mortenson presented.

The Chippewa County Assessor's Office was represented by Bonnie Crosby (the County Assessor) and Tammy Mortenson (Deputy Assessor and appointed as the Assessor for Clara City). They presented an overview of the area and properties that were reviewed and evaluated in Clara City for the 2019 Assessment (see Attachment "A"). They also shared a few facts on property sales and current property values. They noted that in 2018 there was a total of 21 residential sales in Clara City with a median sales ratio of 98.2% based on the 2019 assessment.

Upon questioning by staff, Crosby and Mortenson reported that one person from Clara City had contacted their offices with assessing concerns and that Mortenson had met with that party onsite and had apparently resolved the party's concerns. Other concerns were resolved thru phone calls.

Bonnie Crosby informed the Council that in the near future there will be some employee and changes in duties in the Assessor's Office. Bonnie will keep the Council and Staff apprised of those changes that will affect the City of Clara City going forward.

4. Appearance and Testimony of Interested Citizens—It was noted that this session is about taking testimony and questions concerning property valuations and/or classifications—Upon a call by Mayor Nelson for interested citizens to address the Board, no one requested to be recognized.

5. Adjournment—*Upon recognizing no additional business or commentary to be heard, Mayor Nelson, without objection, declared this Meeting of the Local Board of Appeal & Equalization (LBA&E) to be adjourned as of 6:30 P.M.*

ATTACHMENT "A"