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WATERTOWN BOARD OF ASSESSORS
MEETING MINUTES
March 29, 2022

On March 29, 2022, the Watertown Board of Assessors had a scheduled meeting at 9:30 A.M., in person, in the 3rd Floor Meeting Room of the City Hall.

Meeting called into session at 9:30 A.M. by Chair Earl L. Smith, present for the meeting were Kathleen Colleary, Board Member, Richard V. Moynihan, Board Member, Earl L. Smith, Chairman and Judy Gilreath, Principal Assessor Clerk – scribe.

Also in attendance: Emily Izzo, City Councilor

February 22, 2022, Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the meeting minutes from February 22, 2022.

Richard made a motion to approve the February 22, 2022, minutes. Kathleen seconded the motion.

Board unanimously voted to accept meeting minutes of February 22, 2022.

Verizon Agreement

Review and discussion took place on the Verizon Agreement FY23 – FY27.

No objections to sign the agreement.

Richard made a motion to approve signing Verizon Agreement. Kathleen seconded the motion.

Board unanimously voted to sign the Verizon Agreement.

Overlay

There is a 2.7+ million balance in overlay account.

- Appellate Tax Board cases outstanding are RCN (multiple years) and NSTAR (one year).
- After abatements are wrapped up, 6 – 8 appeals are anticipated.
- Outstanding uncollected property to be approximately \$ 200,000 +/-
That figure may be overstated. Supplemental included in figure.

Taking this information into account, \$750,000 would bring the overlay down below \$2M, which will compensate for any liability we may have.

Katheen motioned to move \$750,000 to surplus. Richard seconded the motion.

Board unanimously voted to approve moving \$750k to surplus.

City Council voted to draft language for the 175 shift to Commercial Property.
Tom Tracy to contact KP Law Attorney, Mark Reich
Kathleen stated that it comes down to being a Policy Issue which may be tough sell at Legislature.
Earl waiting for a call from Attorney Reich to see how he want to proceed.

Office Updates:

- Wrapping up abatements
- Condo Parcels being set up
- Download Building Permits
- 500 Building Inspections by Patriot
- Personal Property List soon to be turned over to Patriot
- Dan Crumley has been contracted for audits.

Next Board Meeting – April 19, 2022 9:30

Chair motioned to move into EXECUTIVE SESSION - PUBLIC MEETING WILL NOT RECONVENE.

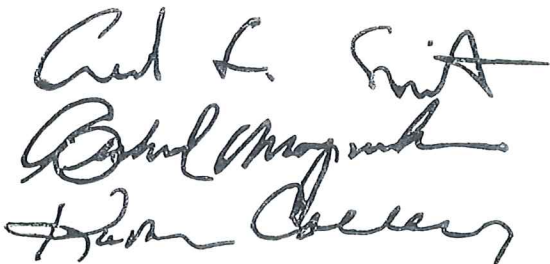
A. Exemption applications are confidential under G.L. c. 59, § 60, convening in executive session under purpose 7 to comply with, or act under the authority of, that general law regarding Exemption Applications.

B. Citing a strategy to discuss open Appellate Tax Board litigation that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body. Review of open litigation.

Kathleen so moved to end the current meeting and move into Executive Session. Richard seconded the motion.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:42 A.M.

Approved: April 19, 2022



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