

Board of Equalization
February 27, 2017

At 8:25 a.m. a meeting of the Board of Equalization was called to order by Chairman Rick Freshman. Answering present at roll call were Commissioner Freshman, Commissioner Sornson, Commissioner Hauptman, Commissioner Parsons and Commissioner Speth.

Chairman Freshman informed the public in attendance that a current copy of the Open Meetings Act was posted.

Commissioner Hauptman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sornson to accept the agenda as posted. There being no further discussion Chairman Freshman called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Freshman, Sornson, Hauptman, Parsons and Speth. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sornson to accept the minutes from the previous meeting and not have them read as each member was furnished with a copy of same. There being no further discussion, Chairman Freshman called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Sornson, Hauptman, Parsons, Speth and Freshman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Chairman Freshman opened a public hearing to hear comments regarding the application for motor vehicle tax exemption as submitted by the Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society. The organization recently purchased a 2015 Van that will be used to transport residents of the nursing home and assisted living to doctor appointments and activities. There being no public comment, the hearing was closed. Commissioner Sornson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Hauptman to approve the application for exemption from motor vehicle taxes as requested by the Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society for a 2015 Ford Van. There being no further discussion, Chairman Freshman called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Hauptman, Parsons, Speth, Freshman and Sornson. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Deputy County Assessor, Christi Smallfoot, presented the following tax list corrections: 1) Deduct \$2,835.42 – Parcel 000640000: Per TERC order - changed value from “recreational” to “agricultural” and adjusted outbuilding value. 2) Deduct \$65.40 – Parcel 003012500: Per TERC order; 3) Deduct \$54.10 – Parcel 003012500: Per TERC order; 4) Deduct \$84.20 – Parcel 004514000: Per TERC order; Deduct \$93.64 – Parcel 004514000: Per TERC order; Add \$77.80 – Parcel 999555171: Accelerated tax from sale of mobile home. Commissioner Hauptman made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sornson to approve the tax list corrections as presented above. There being no further discussion, Chairman Freshman called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Parsons, Speth, Freshman, Sornson and Hauptman. Nay – none. Motion carried.

Deputy Assessor Smallfoot presented seven applications for tax exemption from real estate including six parcels owned by Community Memorial Hospital, Syracuse (property to be used for the provision of healthcare services) and one parcel owned by St Martin Catholic Church in Palmyra (property to be used as a church parking lot). Commissioner Parsons made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sornson to approve the seven applications for exemption from real estate taxes based on qualified charitable uses. There being no further discussion, Chairman Freshman called for a vote. Voting aye were Commissioners Speth, Freshman, Sornson, Hauptman and Parsons. Nay – none. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, and since all items on the agenda have been disposed of, Chairman Freshman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.

I, Jenny Bassinger, Administrative Assistant to the County Clerk for Otoe County, do hereby certify that the above minutes were taken by me, and are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I therefore set my hand and affix the seal of the Otoe County Clerk this 27th day of February 2017.

Jenny Bassinger
Administrative Assistant to the Otoe County Clerk