

City of Greenfield
Assessor's Meeting
May 29th, 2019

14 Court Square, 2nd Floor Meeting Room

9:00 am

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by Joseph Ruggeri.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS: Chairman Joseph Ruggeri, and Chief Assessor Kimberly Mew.

Chairman Ruggeri read the May 16th, 2019 meeting minutes into the record.

MOTION: On a motion by Mew, second by Ruggeri, it was unanimously;

VOTED: TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE MAY 16TH, 2019 MEETING MINUTES WITH FRIENDLY AMENDMENTS.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public comment was opened at 9:09 am by Joseph Ruggeri.

NEW BUSINESS

Board discussed excise abatements and request for abatement of I & E lien and tabled for vote at the June 6th meeting.

Board discussed yearly Assessors budget. The budget for fiscal year 2017 was \$171,500, fiscal year 2018 was \$157,684, fiscal year 2019 was \$162,971. The proposed budget for fiscal year 2020 was \$181,588 but was cut by \$104,000 to \$77,588.

Mayor Martin joined the meeting at 9:36 am.

The Board and Mayor discussed options to keep the office running as efficiently as possible. Three ideas were, asking RRG to stay for a prorated amount of time to make the transition smoother. Hiring a part time inspector temporarily using the money for the clerical position since that position is potentially vacant. Or getting approval by the Council to move funds from other departments.

Liz Gilman joined the meeting at 9:45 am.

Board discussed writing a letter to City Council expressing concern and suggesting solutions.

Ms. Gilman suggested a transition period for RRG to stay rather than completely cut ties. Board discussed that if the office is not properly staffed the bills may not go out on time.

The Board discussed the Assessors salary can vary between \$60,000 and \$100,000 depending on the size of the Town or City. There is not enough money in the Assessors budget to hire another person at the low end of this scale.

Board and Mayor discussed that the Assessors office will be closed to the public Monday through Thursday and open Friday from 1pm to 5pm.

MOTION: On a motion by Ruggeri, second by Mew, it was unanimously;

VOTED: TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT AT 10:31 AM.

MOTION: On a motion by Ruggeri, second by Mew, it was unanimously;

VOTED: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:32 AM.

Next Scheduled meeting June 6th, 2019 at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Kimberly Mew
Chief Assessor
Greenfield Assessors
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