

The minutes of the Grievance/Assessment Review Board on Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016 starting at 4:00 PM and ending at 8:00 PM.

ROLL CALL	Trustee Batista	- Absent
	Trustee Bueno	- Present
	Trustee Watson	- Present
	Trustee Dominguez	- Present
	Mayor Kohut	- Present

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor opened the meeting explaining that the Board of Trustees also serves as the Board of Assessment Review and as such is required by law to hear from property owners wishing to present their assessment grievances between the hours of 4:00 & 8:00 PM on the third Tuesday in February. The Mayor then asked that anyone wishing to speak give their name, address and property location for the record.

Thomas & Katherine Torpey, 147 Route 9W: Mr. Torpey mentioned that this property housed a floral business for many years, but has since closed, and therefore, there is no income coming from it. He stated that the building is vacant and they are attempting to sell the property, which has been on the market for 15 months. They pay a total of \$30,000.00 in taxes on this property, which includes \$7,005.00 in Village Taxes. The assessed value of the property is \$649,000.00. The property is listed for sale for \$350,000.00. They are requesting the Board to lower the assessment on the building to bring the taxes down to a reasonable amount.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Torpey that the Board would not be making any decisions that night, but that the Assessor would notify him of the Board's decision sometime before April 1<sup>st</sup> when the final assessment roll is due.

Bob & Nina Aguilar, 16 Harding Avenue: Mr. Aguilar informed the Board that they purchased this property in June of 2015 for \$193,900.00. The Village Assessment is currently over \$300,000.00 which he feels is too high for this piece of property. He also mentioned that their mortgage has been purchased from their bank by FANNIE MAE. He is requesting the Board to consider reducing his assessment to make it more affordable and comparable to the value of the house.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor informed Mr. Aguilar that the Board will review their documents and render a decision by April 1<sup>st</sup> at which time the Assessor will notify them of the Board's decision. He also mentioned that if there is a reduction it will show on the Village Tax Bill in June.

Paula Feteria, 14 Main Street: Ms. Feteria purchased this property for \$425,000.00. She has a mortgage amounting to \$410,000.00 and mentioned she has made renovations to the building, which now has a second floor rental. She is requesting the Board to lower her assessment in order to make her taxes more affordable.

Mayor Kohut: The Mayor explained to Ms. Feteria that the Assessment Board has to review her request and a final decision will be made between that night's meeting and April 1<sup>st</sup>. The Assessor would then notify her when a decision is made and if there is a reduction it will show on her Village Tax Bill in June.

The Mayor at this point opened the Regular Board Meeting at 7:00 PM, moving forward with that night's agenda.

Mayor Kohut: As of 8:00 PM with no further grievance issues being brought before the Assessment Board, the Mayor entertained a motion to adjourn the Board of Assessment meeting.

Mayor Kohut entertained a motion to that effect.

RESOLUTION #40-2016

Motion by: Emily Dominguez  
Seconded by: Rafael Bueno  
Motion Carries: All

Respectfully submitted by,

Beverly A. Swift, Senior Steno Clerk