

**BEMIDJI CITY COUNCIL
BOARD OF REVIEW
May 3, 2011**

Pursuant to due call and published notice, the Board of Review of the City of Bemidji met at City Hall at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3, 2011, for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment of properties within city limits of the City of Bemidji for the year of 2011. Chairman Dave Larson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Upon roll call, the following Board Members were declared present: Larson, Negard, Johnson, Hellquist, Albrecht, Thompson Absent: Waldhausen

Others present: Joe Skerik, Debbie Tuck – Beltrami County Assessor's Office
City Clerk Kay Murphy

PRESENTATION BY ASSESSOR

Chief Deputy County Assessor Joe Skerik provided a brief overview of the system used to establish the Estimated Market Value throughout the City. He stated that property values for most taxpayers in Bemidji have seen a stable level valuation period. Annually, the Assessor's office reviews sales in different neighborhoods to determine if there are any adjustments required to keep equity among properties. He noted that the Lake Irving neighborhood was reevaluated in their reassessment process. Ratios for residential homes are 99.9% which is a 4% reduction and commercial property is 98.1% which is a 1.1% increase.

THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY OWNER APPEARED:

Mark Dickenson, 2310 Birchmont Drive NE, stated that he had already spoken to the Assessor about his parcels but had a couple of questions. He asked if the 113 sales were good sales or included foreclosures. Skerik responded it did not include foreclosures.

OTHER ADJUSTMENTS

Skerik provided a list of properties that were reviewed by staff and recommended for adjustment for 2011. He also provided a list of property owners that were unable to attend the meeting but expressed concern about their valuations. Skerik noted that arrangements have been made to review those properties and report back to the Board.

Following a review and discussion of the information provided, and having heard concerns of those present, the Board authorized the Assessor to make adjustments as warranted. **Motion by Hellquist, second by Negard, to accept the 2011 assessments. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

ADJOURN

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay M. Murphy
City Clerk