

**BEMIDJI CITY COUNCIL
BOARD OF REVIEW
May 8, 2007**

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 8, 2007, for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment of properties within city limits of the City of Bemidji for the year of 2007. Chairman Richard Lehmann called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Upon roll call, the following Board Members were declared present: Lehmann, Markeson, Hellquist, Johnson, Erickson, Downs, Meuers.

Chief Deputy County Assessor Joe Skerik provided a brief overview of the system used to establish the Estimated Market Value throughout the City, and discussed legislative activities relative to property valuation. He noted that after years of high housing inflation in Bemidji we now see a market that has slowed significantly. Lakeshore property, commercial property and land have shown only a slightly slower market from the previous year. He reported that overall this assessment year the city has seen one of the smallest increases in value in many years. The City increased 3.3% over last year, with 1.8% of that due to new construction. Resulting in 1.5% increase overall due to inflationary values.

THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY OWNER APPEARED:

Willis Stittsworth, 3117 Maple Leaf Court NW, stated that the appraisal recently done on his home is lower than the estimated market value. The property owner will set up an appointment with Skerik to discuss this further.

OTHER ADJUSTMENTS

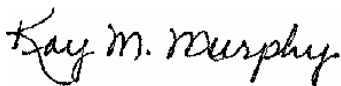
Skerik provided a list of properties that were reviewed and recommended for adjustment for 2007. He also provided a list of property owners that were unable to attend the meeting but expressed concerns about their valuations. Skerik noted that arrangements have been made to review those properties and 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 Downs, second by Hellquist, to accept the 2007 assessments as corrected and pending the outcome of Mr. Stittworth's property. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Hellquist, second by Meuers, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay M. Murphy
City Clerk