

**BEMIDJI CITY COUNCIL
BOARD OF REVIEW
May 5, 2009**

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 5, 2009, for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment of properties within city limits of the City of Bemidji for the year of 2009. Chairman Richard Lehmann called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Upon roll call, the following Board Members were declared present: Lehmann, Hellquist, Johnson, Negard, Downs, Meuers Absent: Waldhausen

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 sales of residential properties have decreased by 44%. He stated that if things continue as is, residential property values could drop.

THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY OWNER APPEARED:

No property owners appeared.

OTHER ADJUSTMENTS

Skerik provided a list of properties that were reviewed and recommended for adjustment for 2009. 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 Johnson, second by Hellquist, to accept the 2009 assessments. Motion carried by unanimous vote.**

ADJOURN

There being no further business, motion by Downs, second by Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kay M. Murphy
City Clerk