

# BEMIDJI CITY COUNCIL BOARD OF REVIEW April 25, 2023

Pursuant to due call and published notice, the Board of Review of the City of Bemidji met at City Hall on Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. with Chair Prince presiding, for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment of properties within city limits of the City of Bemidji for the year 2023 payable in 2024.

Upon roll call, the following Board Members were declared present: Prince, Fiskevold Gould, Peterson, Johnson (5:20 p.m.), Rivera, Eaton, Thayer

City Staff: City Attorney Katie Nolting, City Clerk/acting City Manager Michelle Miller

Beltrami County Assessor's Office: Joe Skerik, Scott Wilson

**PRESENTATION BY ASSESSOR**

County Assessor Joe Skerik stated that pursuant to state statute, property ratios are required to be between 90% and 105% which is estimated value compared to sale price. The initial residential ratio in the City of Bemidji was 84.7% with 221 sales from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. The adjusted residential ratio came to 93.7% property value changes (average 10% increase). He further stated that the assessor also makes adjustments to commercial properties and apartments. Skerik reported that the market has calmed down significantly from last year but he is still seeing property value increases. Skerik provided information on the process and schedule of assessing properties. Skerik noted that the Minnesota Department of Revenue has improved its property tax refund program to help offset property taxes.

**PROPERTY OWNERS WISHING TO BE HEARD**

Chair Prince opened the public hearing at 5:12 p.m.

- Jim Hess, 3601 Birchmont Dr NE, written comments were read into the record.
- Jim Aylesworth, provided comments on the increases and property owners inability to pay in the Nymore area.
- Tammy Hagen, 1116 Balsam Rd NW, provided comments on the significant increase in value of parcel 80.07207.00 and requested a review.

Skerik noted that he will review the parcels with Dr. Hess and Ms. Hagen and bring to the County Board for consideration. Hearing no additional comments Prince closed the public hearing at 5:22 p.m.

**ASSESSOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADJUSTMENTS FOR PROPERTY OWNERS WHO HAVE CONTACTED THE ASSESSOR DIRECTLY BY TELEPHONE OR WRITTEN COMMUNICATION**

Skerik recommended that Council approve the adjustments to the Estimated Market Value (EMV) for property owners who have contacted the Assessor's office on the following parcels:


Properties			
Parcel #	Changes to EMV	Parcel #	Changes to EMV
80.06713.00	(\$6,800)	80.06162.00	(\$101,500)
80.05497.00	(\$33,300)	80.04682.00	(\$98,800)
80.03330.00	(\$49,900)	80.01452.00	(\$17,700)
80.05512.00	\$0	80.01228.00	(\$11,300)
80.04227.00	(\$34,100)	80.06954.00	(\$17,600)
80.00684.00	(\$14,100)	80.04921.00	(\$26,100)
80.01695.00	(\$44,000)	80.06281.00	(\$116,000)
80.00119.00	(\$17,600)	80.07207.00	\$0
80.06686.00	(\$160,000)	80.04331.00	\$0

**Motion by Rivera, seconded by Eaton, accepting the 20232 adjustments as recommended by the County Assessor. Motion carried by the following roll call vote: Yeas: Rivera, Peterson, Johnson, Fiskevold Gould, Thayer, Prince, Eaton.**

**ADJOURN**

Motion by Fiskevold Gould, seconded by Eaton, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Michelle R. Miller  
City Clerk