

**DUDLEY BOARD OF ASSESSORS
DUDLEY MUNICIPAL COMPLEX
71 WEST MAIN STREET, DUDLEY, MA 01571**

DATE: 9/15/2023

TO: ASSESSORS
CC: TOWN CLERK
FROM: LISA L. BERG, PRINCIPAL ASSESSOR
ROOM: 315, 8:00 A.M.
RE: MINUTES: ASSESSOR'S SEPTEMBER 15, 2023 BOARD MEETING

Assessor Allen stated the Board of Assessor's Meeting is being recorded.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Allen called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Assessor Szymczak made a motion to approve the regular meeting minutes from August 4, 2023. Chairman Allen seconded. Passed.

The Board signed various vouchers.

Assessor Szymczak made a motion to approve the motor vehicle abatements for the month of August in the amount of \$835.41. Chairman Allen seconded. Passed.

Assessor Szymczak made a motion to approve the Levy 2023 Supplemental Bills in the amount of \$1,805.57. Chairman Allen seconded. Passed.

Assessor Szymczak made a motion to approve the Levy 2023 motor vehicle recommitment 19R in the amount of \$175.83. Chairman Allen seconded. Passed.

Assessor Szymczak made a motion to approve the Levy 2023 motor vehicle commitment #5 in the amount of \$40,613.57. Chairman Allen seconded. Passed.

Old Business:

None

New Business

Ms. Berg informed the Board the Interims have been completed. Building cost rates were adjusted. The average single family increased 7%. The average single-family home is \$393,236. She stated the MA Department of Revenue approved the new values on September 8, 2023.

Ms. Berg informed the Board that O'Conner Insurance has offered to pay for the property record cards to be put back on-line for fiscal year 2024. Town Administrator, Jon Ruda wants to wait until the October Special Town Meeting in case there is money in the budget to fund this. The Board suggested allowing O'Connor insurance to pay this bill to get the cards on line sooner than October and if Town Meeting approves the line item, the Town could reimburse the insurance company. Assessor Szymczak will be writing a letter to Mr. Ruda in regards to this.

Ms. Berg stated the Assessor Clerk position has been posted on Indeed.com. There are several resume's coming in. Ms. Berg explained the resumes will be reviewed by the new Screening Committee. This committee is Chaired by Michelle Jervis. Members are Ora Finn and Olivia Antonson. The review of the resumes will be completed on Tuesdays and Thursdays and will be given to the Assessor's Office for review.

Chairman Allen stated he would be unable to attend the October 13, 2023 Board meeting. Assessor Szymczak and Assessor Durgin stated they would be available on this date. Ms. Berg stated because Assessor Durgin arrived at today's meeting after agenda items 3 and 5-8 were voted on, the minutes would not be able to be voted at the next meeting. The Board decided to re-vote on those agenda items. Ms. Szymczak made a motion to approve all and Assessor Durgin seconded them all. All passed unanimously. A motion was made by Assessor Szymczak to hold the next meeting on October 13, 2023. Assessor Durgin seconded. Unanimous. Passed.

Assessor Szymczak made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 a.m. Assessor Durgin seconded. Unanimous. Passed.

Chairman Allen made a motion to convene into Executive Session under M.G.L Chapter 30A § 21 (a)(7), to comply with, or act under the authority of, any general or special law or federal grant-in-aid requirement: discussion of applications for tax abatement(s) and/or exemption (s), including any necessary votes pursuant to G.L. c. 59 § 60 and/or G.L. c. 214, § 1B (as applicable). Not to re-convene into regular session. Assessor Szymczak seconded. Unanimous. Passed.

Roll Call:

Assessor Szymczak - Aye
Assessor Durgin – Aye
Chairman Allen - Aye

Lisa L. Berg, MAA
Principal Assessor