

City of Lismore

Minutes of the Local Board of Appeals & Equalization

April 29th, 2024

The following are the minutes of the Local Board of Review & Equalization meeting held on April 29, 2024 at 2:30 pm. In attendance for the Council: Cliff Altman, Ryan Schieck, Kris Weidert and Mayor Wayne Bents. Mayor Bents called the meeting to order. Others in attendance: County: Val Ruesch, Erik Skoquist, Dave Maras & Gene Metz. Residents in attendance were Josh & Kaitlyn Zemler, Dave Lutmer, Larry Koehne, Galen Krogman & Ruth Hubbling.

Val Ruesch explained why the City has taken a general increase overall from last year. A lot of it was due to how many home were sold within the last year and also the last 5 years. To be in compliance with the State the County needed to make sure that the City was sitting at 90% or higher in market value and when Val looked at where we were sitting we were at 85.5% so an increase was also needed there. The City of Lismore was red flagged by the Dept of Revenue so Val had no choice but to get us where we needed to be to be in compliance which is why Lismore may have seen a larger increase over some other towns. The overall increase on average for the City of Lismore was around 25%.

Josh and Kaitlyn Zemler asked why their house was valued so high – Erik explained some of the reasoning but was willing to go to the home after the meeting to get a look inside and see if any adjustments are needed. On a motion by Cliff and seconded by Kris it was duly passed to do a no change on parcel 270012000 & 270011000 at the City level and will let Erik re-evaluate and then if both parties (County and Zemler) cannot agree upon the value Zemler's can appeal to the County at their meeting in June.

Dave Lutmer had asked about the increase in values across the board which Erik and Val did explain and said that on average everyone will have seen an increase and most should be around the 25%. Some may be higher or lower depending on a few other things. Dave didn't want to contest his value so no motion needed.

Larry Koehne questioned the new value on his home as well since it was so old and not many updates have happened recently. Erik said this was another home that we was unable to get into so was willing to go take a look after the meeting. On a motion by Cliff and seconded by Kris it was duly passed to do a no change on parcel 270081000 & 270082000 at the City level and will let Erik re-evaluate and then if both parties (County & Koehne) cannot agree upon the value Koehne can appeal to the County at their meeting in June.

Galen Krogman & Ruth Hubbling were also having issues with the value listed on their home as there has been no updates and things inside are not in good condition. Erik again stated that this was another home that he was not able to get inside of to view so will go after the meeting to look inside. On a motion by Cliff and seconded by Kris it was duly passed to do a no change on parcel 270157000 at the City level and will let Erik re-evaluate and then if both parties (County & Krogman/Hubbling) cannot agree upon the value Krogman/Hubbling can appeal to the County at their meeting in June.

No other concerns were presented so motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:35pm was given by Ryan and seconded by Cliff, all in favor, motion carried.