

ORONOCO TOWNSHIP
Board of Appeal & Equalization Minutes
April 14, 2025
4pm

Oronoco Townships Local Board of Appeal & Equalization was called to order on April 14, 2025, at 4:00, by Chair Ken Mergen. Supervisors Ken Mergen, Tammy Matzke and Joel Johanningmeier were present, as was Clerk Jody Schroeder and Treasurer Brandi Lind. Olmsted County Appraisers Josh Denisen, Cheryl Gleghorn, and Tami Paulson were present.

The meeting was opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Appraiser Cheryl Gleghorn noted persons who contacted her about valuation changes.

Greg Schall, 1997 White Bridge Rd NE. There was a motion made by Supervisor Matzke to adjust the value of the house, not the land, to last year's value since no work had been done on the house, seconded by Supervisor Mergen. The motion was carried unanimously.

Appraiser Gleghorn has talked to Michael Capelle, 1686 Sattre Rd NW, yearly. Mr. Capelle doesn't understand why his taxes keep increasing.

Supervisor Matzke asked if there had been many inquiries about tax increases from commercial businesses. Appraiser Paulson stated that commercial assessments have increased significantly, she has not had any inquiries in Oronoco Township. Appraiser Paulson stated that, in November, when truth in taxation notices go out and they see what the tax ramifications are to the value adjustments, that they will hear from more people.

Appraiser Paulson said there were a number of commercial properties that had an excess of 20% tax increase. Olmsted County sent letters out to every commercial property that saw a greater than 20% value change; 650 letters were sent; they talked to maybe 10% of commercial business owners. This was to encourage businesses to call if they wanted the appraisers to come and look at the property or talk about tax increase.

There was a motion made by Supervisor Matzke to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Mergen. The motion was carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.

Jody Schroeder, Clerk

Ken Mergen, Supervisor, Chair

Tammy Matzke, Supervisor

Joel Johanningmeier, Supervisor