

TOWN OF SILVER CREEK  
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION  
MAY 10, 2016

The Board of Equalization for the Town of Silver Creek was held on Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at the Town Hall. Present were Supervisors - Mike Hoops, Greg Hull, Larry Guentzel; Clerk – Kristina Pirsig; Lake County Assessor's Office – Gregg Swartwoudt and Matt Miller.

Chairman Guentzel called the meeting to order 1:10 p.m. Guentzel stated the purpose of the meeting was to deal with values and classifications. Should property owners not be satisfied with the Town Board decision(s) today – the next step in the appeal process is the Lake County Board of Equalization which will be held on Monday, June 13, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. at the Lake County Court House.

County Assessor Gregg Swartwoudt spoke regarding Township valuations.

**The following individual appeared before the board:**

1. John Christensen – #29-5310-20855, 29070, 29170, and 29012.

- Parcel 29-5310-20855: It is 29.3 acres with a value of \$49,700. This property is east of train car suites, no road access, sparse timber. Christensen stated that he valued the property at \$35,000. There are beaver dams on the south edge, approx. 15 acres that are covered in dams. This property was found to in fact have road access to Highway 3.

Matt Miller recommends that no change be made on all the properties being appealed by Christensen due to the fact that the Assessor's Office has not had the opportunity to review the properties and make a proper recommendation. This would allow Christensen the opportunity to appeal these properties at the Lake County Board of Equalization on Monday, June 13, 2016.

Motion by Hull, second by Hoops that no change be made on parcel 29-5310-20855. Motion carried unanimously.

- Parcel 29-5310-20910: East of the last parcel. 40 acres with a value of \$40,600. No road access. Christensen requests no change

Motion by Hull, second by Hoops that no change be made on parcel 29-5310-20910. Motion carried unanimously.

- Parcel 29-5310-29070: 22 acres valued at \$45,700. Christensen requests that Lake County Board look at it. Access to Highway 3. Assessor's office values it at average value. Christensen spoke about the Highway easement and the Right of Way and that there was significant land taken away when the Easement went through.

Motion by Hoops, second by Guentzel that no change be made on parcel 29-5310-29070. Motion carried unanimously.

- Parcel 29-5310-29170: 2.48 acres valued at \$17,500. Last year it was assessed at \$40,500.

Motion by Hull, second by Guentzel that no change be made on parcel 29-5310-29170. Motion carried unanimously.

- Parcel 29-5310-29012. 55.37 acres valued at \$167,900. Assessor has this at average quality with a Lake View with Road Access. Christensen pointed out that there is a transmission, 3 phase, power line going all the way up Highway 61.

Matt Miller stated that he felt that this property is worth the value and will hold its value as it's located directly across from Betty's Pies, the fishing parking lot and right on Highway 61 in a prime location.

Motion by Hull, second by Hoops, that no change be made on parcel 29-5310-29012. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and recommendation to Mr. Christensen from the Board – that he allow access to property for the Assessor's Office and work with them to reach values.

**The following were in response to correspondence received by the County Assessor:**

1. Scott Segren – 29-5510-31580. Motion by Hull, second by Guentzel to accept the Lake County Assessor's recommendation to remove the building value (\$34,000) from the property and leave the land value at \$51,800. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Hull, second by Guentzel to change the classification of this property to Rural Vacant Land. Motion carried unanimously.

**The following were in response to correspondence received by the Town Clerk:**

1. John Osterheld – 29-5310- 12110 and 29-5360-12080. Motion by Hull, second by Guentzel to accept the Lake County Assessor's recommendation of no change to these parcels. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m. upon motion by Hull, second Hoops. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kristina Pirsig, Clerk