

OGEMA TOWNSHIP

Board of Appeal and Equalization
April 20th, 2022

The Board of Appeal and Equalization met at the Ogema Town Hall on Wednesday, April 20th, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. with the following people present: Robert Sunstrom (Clerk) and Anne Haas (Township Supervisor), Karen Stumne (Pine County Appraiser) and Lorri Houtsma (Pine County Assessor). Also present were Douglas Stanger and Kolleen Schneider. Ronald Meehan was absent.

There wasn't a supervisor's quorum available so the Pine County Assessors Office took over the Open Book meeting. Lorri Houtsma explained that Ogema Township has now lost the privilege for township to oversee meeting for 2 years and may fill out a resolution to be reinstated for the year 2024.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Lorri Houtsma said that the 2021 assessed values have been updated to 2022 proposed property values. From October 1st, 2019 to September 15th, 2020 the values needed to be in the range of 90% to 105%

Township had 10 qualifying home sales with average values of 67.18% and 4 land over 34.5 acre sales with average of 61.90%. Assessor had to move these land and housing values up to 94.95% and 97.35% to meet required values.

Building values increased 20% in township.

There were two resident inquiries:

Resident Douglas Stranger asked about his properties, Parcel # 23.0156.000 and parcel #23.0158.000. Why the land values increased so much. Assessor explained the land value chart, and it was determined that his properties increased approximately \$ 550.00 per acre on what is classified as Woods / Average. He and assessors will have further discussion at later time and date.

Resident Kolleen Schneider asked about her properties, Parcel # 23.009.000, parcel # 23.0102.000 and parcel # 23.0101.000. Why the land values increase so much. Again, the Assessor explained the land value chart, and it was determined that her properties increase in values also. Wooded land from \$1,350.00 to \$1,900.00 per acre and Tillables from \$1,350.00 to \$1,500.00 per acre. She and assessors will have further discussion at later time and date.

Lorri Houtsma adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m

Respectfully submitted,



Robert J. Sunstrom
Clerk, Ogema Township

Supervisor Anne Haas  Date 5/9/22

