**Meeting Minutes**

**Board of Appeal and Equalization**

**April 9th, 2024**

**Meeting called to order at 9:30 by Shawn Sweere**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Present:** Shawn Sweere, Stan Marotz, Marie Ashland, Jason Morris (OTC), Tom Smioja (OTC), Brandie Hanson (OTC), Peter Irvine

Brandie reviewed the process of how properties are assessed for those present. Sales in Otter Tail County from October 2022 through September 2023 is the timeline that is used for data. All land values saw an increase. There has been an update to the Homestead exclusion that increased the Homestead value to qualify. The farm cap also increased to align better with farm sizes. Lake front land has the largest value increase. Tillable land has switched from an ABC code to a CPI code. Information on this was included in all Proposed Tax Assessment letters. The Township will look into whether the Township Ordinance needs updating to reflect this change. Perham Township has a slight decrease in home value based on the decrease in sales.

There was discussion on tax base, levys, and property values.

Jason reminded residents to call their Assessor if they have a change to their assessed property, examples given were fire, tear down of building, etc. Assessors can then re assess properties prior to the 5 year schedule.

Brandie stated that she received some phone calls from Perham Township residents with questions. Most questions were answered right away.

**Parcels brought to Assessor:**

51000990371000 Peter Irvine. Peter questioned the large increase the last two years on this parcel. After review, it was stated the value increased due to lake frontage increase on Devils Lake. Similar lots were reviewed during conversation which showed the same increase.

5100090087001 Blue Spruce Properties DBA Hammers Construction. Joe Hammer reached out to Assessor with questions regarding value changed. Assessor inspected property and valuation. She recommended no change today. Cty Board of Appraisal will review at County meeting.

Motion: Shawn Sweere Second: Stan Marotz carried: yes

51000120106015 Shawn Sweere. Property value was reviewed as part of discussion on valuation.

Meeting adjourned at 10:54.