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MINUTES - BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY MEETING

The Board of Civil Authority of the Town of Morristown, notified and warned, met at the Conference Room at the Municipal Office Building, 43 Portland Street in said town on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Rhoda Bedell, Don Blake, Theresa Breault, Kenneth Campbell, Francis Favreau, Claire Hindes, Steve Leach, Brent Paine, Shap Smith, Min Cote, Brian Kellogg, Mickey Smith, Steve Rae and Mary Ann Wilson.

Listers present: Charles McArthur, Duane Sprague and Julia Compagna

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chairman Favreau.

1. Upon motion, the board approved minutes of March 13, 2012 and May 31, 2012.

2. Pursuant to Title 24 V.S.A § 1535, the board considered abatement of real estate and personal property taxes assessed on the following properties:

   A. Green Mountain Arena (07301-01)
   - The appellants were not in attendance. Clerk Wilson presented the board with all of the written correspondence between the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Latona and the Town Treasurer. Included with that information was a report dated September 18, 2012 from GM Financial Group Limited, Inc. summarizing the company's financial position. The clerk presented the board with a summary report of delinquent taxes, penalty and interest due for the tax year 2011 totaling $19,872.98. The Listers presented an itemized property cost sheet with the current assessment.
   - Motion made and seconded to abate delinquent taxes, penalty and interest due for the tax year 2012 totaling $19,872.98 under 24 VSA 1535(3). After lengthy discussion and upon vote, the board voted unanimously to deny the abatement.

   B. Rodney and Janet Lanphear (08066)
   - Appellants Janet and Joni Lanphear were in attendance. Clerk Wilson presented the request for abatement. In August 2011, the Lanphears gave permission to the Morristown Fire Department to use the vacated farmhouse for fire training. On January 1, 2012, the Lanphears were advised by the Morristown Fire Chief that the building would be used for such training. From February to June of 2012, several local fire departments used the building, and on June 9, 2012, the house was completely destroyed. Upon motion and a second, the board voted unanimously to abate taxes assessed on the farmhouse only from January 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012 in the amount of $827.39 under 24 VSA 1535(5). Because the Lanphears had paid the taxes for the entire 2012 tax year, credit will be applied to the tax liability of 2013.

- The assessment of the farmhouse was applied to the 2012 Grand List, creating a tax liability for tax year 2013. Upon motion and a second, the board voted unanimously to abate taxes assessed on the farmhouse only for the 2013 tax year in the amount of $1,654.04 under 24 VSA 1535(5), and apply a credit to the tax liability of 2013.

C. Wildblue Communication (90609)
- Upon motion and a second, the board voted unanimously to abate taxes assessed on the personal property for the 2012 tax year: Principal: $6.70, Interest: $.40, Penalty: $.54 and Other: $5.75 for a total of $13.39 under 24 VSA 1535(4).

D. Scientific Games (90443)
- Upon motion and a second, the board voted unanimously to abate taxes assessed on the personal property for the 2012 tax year: Principal: $41.66, Interest: $4.46, Penalty: $3.34 and Other: $5.75 for a total of $55.21 under 24 VSA 1535(4).

E. Eric Sise (70099)
- Upon motion and a second, the board voted unanimously to abate taxes assessed on a mobile home for the 2011 tax year: Principal: $421.84, Interest: $139.02, Penalty: $33.74 and Other: $5.59 for a total of $600.23 under 24 VSA 1535(2).
- Upon motion and a second, the board voted unanimously to abate taxes assessed on a mobile home for the 2012 tax year: Principal: $350.48, Interest: $37.68, Penalty: $28.04 and Other: $5.75 for a total of $421.95 under 24 VSA 1535(2).

F. Martin and Diane Cochran (70016)
- Upon motion and a second, the board voted unanimously to abate taxes assessed on a mobile home for the 2011 tax year: Principal: $181.38, Interest: $59.86, Penalty: $14.52 and Other: $5.59 for a total of $261.35 under 24 VSA 1535(5).

3. The board was presented with the most recent changes to the voter checklist from the Town Clerk as stated in 17 VSA 2144(b)(d).

4. A poll workers' schedule for BCA members was discussed for the General Election to be held on November 6, 2012.

5. With no other business to come before the Board of Civil Authority, the meeting was adjourned upon motion at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Mary Ann Wilson

Mary Ann Wilson, Clerk

Approved:

Francis Favreau

Francis Favreau, Chair