



MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY, ALASKA
SPECIAL ASSEMBLY MEETING – BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

May 22, 2024
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1. **Call to Order:**

Mayor Bass called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. **Roll Call:**

Present: Mayor: Sam Bass **Assembly Members:** Deb Potter, Jay Burnham, Kate Kolodi, Alex Weddell, Orion Hanson

Absent: Dan Henry

3. **Proof of Notice:**

Clerk Burnham indicated that proof of notice was printed on the back of the agenda and posted on municipal bulletin boards and online.

4. **Hear Citizens Present:**

5. **Board of Equalization:**

Motion/Second: Potter/Weddell to recess as the Assembly and convene as the Board of Equalization.

The Motion passed by roll call vote, 5 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

James Canary, Assessor, indicated that the focus this year was on the commercial properties in the historic district. After collecting actual sales information and using the cost approach to derive values, it resulted in a significant increase. There were 36 appeals submitted, most of which were commercial with approximately six or seven residential. For commercial property owners that appealed, he offered to use the income approach as an alternative, but most would not submit their income. Of the ones that did submit income information from 2021 to 2023, he was able to revalue their properties. The result is that all appeals were settled without needing to come before the board of equalization.

Motion/Second: Potter/Hanson to adjourn the Board of Equalization and reconvene as the Assembly.

The Motion passed by roll call vote, 5 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

6. **Certification and Adoption of 2024 Property Assessment Roll:**

Motion/Second: Hanson/Kolodi to certify and adopt the 2024 Property Assessment Roll.

Assemblymember Burnham indicated that that the lot and block columns appear to be mislabeled.

Susie Anderson, Tax Clerk, indicated that it is typo, and the column headers are swapped.

Clerk Burnham indicated that the typo can be fixed before the assessment roll is signed by the mayor.

The Motion passed by roll call vote, 5 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

7. **Mayor and Assembly Discussion Items:**

The Mayor and Assembly discussed their appreciation for the hard work of the Tax Clerk and Assessor.

8. **Adjournment:**

Motion/Second: Weddell/Kolodi to adjourn.

The Motion passed by roll call vote, 5 yes, 0 no, 1 absent.

Mayor Bass adjourned the Special Assembly meeting of May 22, 2024, at 5:21 p.m.

ATTEST:

Sam Bass, Mayor

Steve Burnham Jr., Borough Clerk
(SEAL)