

Stockbridge Board of Assessors

Record of Meeting

Date – Monday October 2, 2023

Time – 9:00 am

Location – This was a Zoom and In-Person Meeting

Present - Michael Blay, Principal Assessor

- Gary Pitney

- Douglas Goudey

- Brandi Page

The Board discussed the following items at their meeting:

Last Meeting Minutes – The Board reviewed the last meeting minutes and had no issues or comments.

Board to Review & Sign Motor Vehicle Abatement Applications – The Board reviewed and signed these abatement applications, they will be processed this week.

Board to Sign 2023 Motor Vehicle Commitment – The Board reviewed and signed this warrant, the bills will be mailed out this week.

CL-1 Forms for FY2025 (New Filing Date) – Mike reviewed with the Board that there is a new filing date, the old date was October 1st and the new one is December 1st. We will hold off on sending letters to the ones that we have not received, next year Mike will inform these filers of the new filing date.

BCAA Annual Fall Meeting – Mike informed the Board that this meeting is Wednesday October 25th at 8:30 a.m. at Greenock Country Club in Lee, Mike went over the guest speakers and the topics. The Board has until October 19th to decide if they would like to attend.

LA-3, LA-4 & LA-13 – Mike reviewed with the Board that he spoke with Joe Barbieri from the DOR Friday afternoon, these forms have been submitted and approved. Next will be the tax classification hearing. After the hearing than the tax rate can be set, all the forms are filled out on Gateway. The estimated receipts need to be filled in, Mike Canales is working on this part. Mike will get the tax file ready to send out, the tax rate could be set by the end of next week or the week after.

FY2024 Recap & Tax Classification Hearing – Mike informed the Board that the recap has been completed, the classification hearing is set for October 12th.

Overlay for FY2024 – Mike informed the Board that the overlay account is now 1 account not 2, this account needs to balance out with the accountant and the treasurer/collector's amounts. There is \$168,000 remaining in the account, Mike recommends to go with \$50,000 or \$55,000 for next years amount. With this amount in there and the 5 pending ATB cases, \$30,000-\$40,000 could be used up for these cases. In previous years there has been a minimal amount leftover, this year is the highest yet. Abatements, exemptions and senior work off also comes out of the overlay account. Doug suggested coming up with a plan for each year with the money to put in and what to do with the money leftover. For their first meeting in December Mike will send the Board the agenda and the spreadsheet to review before they make their decision on how much to release, at the second meeting they will sign off on the amount. The Board is going to recommend to keep a single tax rate, no RTE and no status quo.

Appellate Tax Board Hearing on 10/6 – Mike reviewed with the Board that this Friday will be his first ATB case, this will be on Zoom and starts at 10:00 a.m. Mike has sent his jurisdictional information over to the ATB, he has received information from the homeowner to review.

Questions or Comments from Zoom or Live Audience – There was no one in the audience and no one was on Zoom, there were no questions or comments. Doug had questions about the sales questionnaire form, he asked if there is a cover letter that goes out with them. Mike replied that there is no cover letter just the form. Doug and Gary asked if there was a way if the form could be filled out online, Mike will look into this option. Mike let the Board know that there is a description on the form that explains what this form is about and why the assessor's office needs it.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Tammy Touponce, Assessors Clerk

*Supporting documents are on file with the Assessor's Office.