

MINUTES
CARLOS TOWN BOARD

April 12, 2018 – Board of Equalization – Douglas County Courthouse

Board Members attending: Rod Meyers, Bill Krivanek, Dan Lehmkuhl and Rebecca Anderson. County Assessor Keith Albertson and Assessor Technician Dave McNult were in attendance.

Chairman Meyers called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

There was one parcel to review: Parcel 12-1337-000 Theatre Le Homme Dieu.

Nicole Mulder, representing Theatre Le Homme due, is disputing this parcel of land removal from tax exempt status by the county in 2016.

Keith Albertsen, Douglas County Assessor had contacted Director Ann Hermes in February of 2016, indicating he felt this parcel, which is a lake lot does not qualify for tax exempt status. The other parcel across CR 120 which houses the theatre and other out buildings do continue to qualify for this status.

In his letter to Ms. Hermes, he asked for information to be provided to the county to show compelling evidence on why this particular parcel should remain tax exempt otherwise, it would no longer be tax exempt.

Mr. Albertsen had contact with the new director Nicole Mulder on May 11, 2017, asking her to provide documents to him and he would forward them on to a third party for another opinion. As of April 12, 2018, those documents have not been received.

Ms. Mulder felt since Mr. Albertsen had changed the status, he had the power to change the status back to tax exempt. Mr. Albertsen felt he was correct in his determination and is more than willing to assist them with an appeal to a third party appeal board that deals with non-profit organizations, however, he needs the documents.

An application to combine lots cannot occur if there are delinquent taxes owed on any parcel.

There was a tornado drill at 1:45 pm and all parties left the room. The hearing reconvened at 1:55.

A couple of supporters of the theatre spoke before the town board to express why they felt this parcel should retain the tax exempt status.

The town board cannot go against state statute, therefore, there will not be a change in the tax status unless the third party appeal board makes the change.

Keith Albertson went over sales records for October 1, 2016--September 30, 2017.

There being no further business, Bill Krivanek moved to adjourn at 2:20 PM. Dan Lehmkuhl seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.



RODNEY MEYERS, CHAIRMAN



REBECCA ANDERSON, CLERK