

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 11, 2022 REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
WESTMORELAND COUNTY BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. The following Board Members attended the meeting:

Alex Brown	Chairperson
Dan Galbraith	Vice Chairperson
Barb Moffe	Secretary

Also in attendance were Camdon Porterfield, Chief Assessor and Darrell Arbore, Solicitor.

The Chief Assessor called the meeting to order and made a motion to approve the Minutes from the July 14, 2022 Public Meeting. The motion was approved by Member Brown and seconded by Member Galbraith.

The motion was carried unanimously.

The Chief Assessor made the following report:

It is getting more difficult to maintain a clerical person for the Tax Assessment Department due to the fact that the starting salary continues to discourage worthy candidates of taking the clerical position, and until the Union can negotiate the contract this may persist. The Chief Assessor hopes to fill a clerical position within the next two weeks.

The Solicitor delivered the Solicitor's Report:

It was moved by Member Brown and seconded by Member Galbraith that Tax Map Number: **10-04-03-2-027** (Westmoreland County Land Bank) be approved for exempt status commencing 7-15-2022.

The motion was carried unanimously.

It was moved by Member Brown and seconded by Member Galbraith that Tax Map Number: **39-01-13-0-135** (Westmoreland County Land Bank) be exempt commencing 7-15-2022.

The motion was carried unanimously.

It was moved by Member Brown and seconded by Member Galbraith that Tax Map Number: **19-03-12-0-006** (Manor Borough) be exempt commencing 7-15-2022.

The motion was carried unanimously.

It was moved by Member Brown and seconded by Member Galbraith that Tax Map Number: **50-36-00-0-206** (Municipality of Westmoreland County) be exempt commencing 7-15-2022.

The motion was carried unanimously.

It was moved by Member Brown and seconded by Member Galbraith that Tax Map Number: **53-21-00-0-192-69-003** (Economic Growth Connection of Westmoreland County) be exempt commencing 1-15-2023.

The motion was carried unanimously.

It was moved by Member Brown and seconded by Member Galbraith that Tax Map Number: **53-21-00-0-192-69-007** (Economic Growth Connection of Westmoreland County) be exempt commencing 7-15-2022.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Disabled Veterans Requiring Board Vote 8-11-2022:

It was moved by Member Brown and seconded by Member Galbraith that Tax Map Number: **17-05-00-0-037** (Robert C. Taylor) be approved for exempt status commencing 7-15-2022. The motion was carried unanimously.

It was moved by Member Brown and seconded by Member Galbraith that Tax Map Number: **21-01-11-0-247** (George Kennedy) be approved for exempt status commencing 7-15-2022. The motion was carried unanimously.

It was moved by Member Brown and seconded by Member Galbraith that Tax Map Number: **45-36-00-0-154** (Mario Hurtado)) be approved for exempt status commencing 7-15-2022. The motion was carried unanimously.

It was moved by Member Brown and seconded by Member Galbraith that Tax Map Number: **47-12-00-0-220** (Deane W. Truszka) be approved for exempt status commencing 7-15-2022. The motion was carried unanimously.

It was moved by Member Brown and seconded by Member Galbraith that Tax Map Number: **50-09-07-0-004** (Gregory J. Pastor) be approved for exempt status commencing 7-15-2022. The motion was carried unanimously.

It was moved by Member Brown and seconded by Member Galbraith that Tax Map Number: **53-06-07-0-137** (Jimmy D. Walters) be approved for exempt status commencing 7-15-2022. The motion was carried unanimously.

It was moved by Member Brown and seconded by Member Galbraith that Tax Map Number: **61-13-16-0-022** (Clifford A. Shrum) be approved for exempt status commencing 7-15-2022. The motion was carried unanimously.

Disabled Veterans Not Requiring Board Vote

Betty J. Minich	02-02-04-0-219
Thomas Keaton	54-08-01-0-002

As far as old business, the Chief Assessor did a follow up on the Catastrophic Loss Appeal for Hutchinson and Gunter, Inc. **Tax Map Number: 50-21-06-0-063**. The reason it was denied was due to the property already receiving a 90% cat-loss depreciation last year. The Chief Assessor called the property owner to explain the decision. Additionally, he had visited the property and noted that all but a 50x60 section was razed, and currently sits on an adjoining parcel previously marked as vacant. Senior Assessor Casey Shoup will be handling the revision, which will result in two separate change-of-assessment notices. The Assessment Office will follow up on any future construction.

There was no new business to report.

There being nothing further to discuss, it was moved by Member Brown and seconded by Member Galbraith to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.