

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 9, 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
Barb Moffe	Secretary

Also in attendance were Dan Galbraith, Vice Chairperson (by phone) 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 May 12, 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 reports:

1. A Pictometry Conference was held on Wednesday, May 8 and went well and the possibilities for high-tech Desktop assessment tools for our assessors was discussed.
2. The Assessors' project for the Permits is continuing and is proving to be successful.
3. The one promising candidate for the clerical position has accepted another position in the courthouse. The Chief Assessor plans to attend a Job Fair at the end of the month in hopes of finding a solution to the on-going problem of hiring people for the three clerical positions.
4. At the meeting with Concordia, a Pilot Program was discussed that may meet the needs for the Lutheran Ministry.

The Solicitor delivered the Solicitor's Report:

It was moved by Member Brown and seconded by Member Galbraith that Tax Map Number: **10-02-15-0-245** (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: **10-02-15-0-246** (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: **10-04-03-1-032** (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: **14-01-16-0-494** (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: **14-02-09-0-244** (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: **15-03-10-0-226** (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: **20-02-06-0-709** (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: **37-01-06-0-380** (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: **45-40-16-0-149** (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: **56-08-02-0-014** (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: **56-16-02-0-108** (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: **56-16-02-0-117** (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: **56-16-02-0-119** (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: **56-16-02-0-066** (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: **30-02-02-0-244-59-001** (New Hope Christian and Missionary Alliance Church) be approved for exempt status commencing 7-15-2022.

The motion was carried unanimously.

**Disabled Veterans Requiring Board Vote 6-9-2022:**

It was moved by Member Brown and seconded by Member Galbraith that Tax Map Number: **20-02-10-0-351** (Michelle C. Turkovich) surviving spouse of deceased Disabled Veteran, Martin Turkovich be approved for continued 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: **32-01-12-0-176** (Marion A. Hepler) surviving spouse of deceased Disabled Veteran, James Hepler be approved for continued 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: **45-29-16-0-086** (Chad Corbett) be denied at this time and the exemption remain taxable commencing 7-15-2022.

The motion was carried unanimously.

It was moved by Member Brown and seconded by Member Galbraith that Tax Map Numbers: **50-29-13-0-033** (Colin Rafferty) be approved for exempt status commencing 7-15-2022.

The motion was carried unanimously.

**Disabled Veterans Not Requiring Board Vote**

Nelson T. Molisee	39-01-13-0-118
James M. Monahan	49-03-06-0-041
Ronald E. Friedman	53-15-11-0-101
Frank T. Gallo	55-07-04-0-102
George H. Pribanic	55-14-01-0-091

As far as old business Tax Map Number: **50-16-00-0-336** (Laurel Highlands Work Force and Opportunity) was granted an exemption effective 1-15-2022. Upon further review, the appeal was filed within 40 days of a change in assessment resulting from the new parcel being created effective 7-15-2021, and subsequently qualifying the taxpayer for the exemption of school taxes as well. It was moved by Member Brown and Member Galbraith that this be tentatively approved for 7-15-2021.

The motion was carried unanimously

As far as new 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 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.