

**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 13, 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 Chairperson called the meeting to order and made a motion to approve the Minutes from the September 8, 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:

The budget was will be submitted at the next meeting, and Eagle View, an important assessor's tool, was included in the budget.

A persistent caller under the map number 55-14-01-0-052 submitted an appraisal that cannot be accepted by the Board. It is likely this will go to court.

A fifth candidate has been hired for the Department Clerk position who may replace a current clerical employee who is interested in applying in the Assessor position.

Three candidates have applied for the Assessment Systems Coordinator position and interviews will be held soon.

The Solicitor delivered the Solicitor's Report:

It was moved by Member Brown and seconded by Member Galbraith that Tax Map Number: **02-02-03-0-076** (City of Arnold) be approved for exempt status commencing 1-15-2023.

The motion was carried unanimously.

It was moved by Member Brown and seconded by Member Galbraith that Tax Map Number: **02-02-07-0-027** (City of Arnold) be approved for exempt status commencing 1-15-2023.

The motion was carried unanimously.

It was moved by Member Brown and seconded by Member Galbraith that Tax Map Number: **02-02-07-0-458** (City of Arnold) be approved for exempt status commencing 1-15-2023.

The motion was carried unanimously.

It was moved by Member Brown and seconded by Member Galbraith that Tax Map Number: **02-02-07-0-625** (City of Arnold) be approved for exempt status commencing 1-15-2023.  
The motion was carried unanimously.

It was moved by Member Brown and seconded by Member Galbraith that Tax Map Number: **02-02-07-0-729** (City of Arnold) be approved for exempt status commencing 1-15-2023.  
The motion was carried unanimously.

It was moved by Member Brown and seconded by Member Galbraith that Tax Map Number: **02-02-08-0-300** (City of Arnold) be approved for exempt status commencing 1-15-2023.  
The motion was carried unanimously.

It was moved by Member Brown and seconded by Member Galbraith that Tax Map Number: **02-02-11-0-036** (City of Arnold) be approved for exempt status commencing 1-15-2023.  
The motion was carried unanimously.

It was moved by Member Brown and seconded by Member Galbraith that Tax Map Number: **10-04-03-0-021** (Southwest Behavioral Care Inc.) 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: **19-01-12-0-095** (Manor Borough) be exempt, contingent on agreement of appropriate date, commencing 1-15-2022.  
The motion was carried unanimously.

It was moved by Member Brown and seconded by Member Galbraith that Tax Map Number: **19-01-15-0-167** (Manor Borough) be exempt, contingent on agreement of appropriate date, commencing 1-15-2022.  
The motion was carried unanimously.

It was moved by Member Brown and seconded by Member Galbraith that Tax Map Number: **19-01-12-0-168** (Manor Borough) be exempt, contingent on agreement of appropriate date, commencing 1-15-2022.  
The motion was carried unanimously.

It was moved by Member Brown and seconded by Member Galbraith that Tax Map Number: **20-02-04-0-081** (Life's Work of Western, PA) 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: **36-03-03-0-490** (Trafford Fire Company No. 1) 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: **55-04-00-0-107** (Concordia of Monroeville) be denied exemption and remain taxable.  
The motion was carried unanimously.

It was moved by Member Brown and seconded by Member Galbraith that Tax Map Number: **58-16-00-0-155** (Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation (WCIDC)) be exempt commencing 7-15-2022.  
The motion was carried unanimously.

**Disabled Veterans Requiring Board Vote 10-13-2022:**

It was moved by Member Brown and seconded by Member Galbraith that Tax Map Number: **10-02-07-0-077** (JoAnn Burkey) be approved for exempt status, contingent on assessor's verification that the taxpayer's address is the primary residence, commencing 1-15-2023.  
The motion was carried unanimously.

It was moved by Member Brown and seconded by Member Galbraith that Tax Map Number: **49-14-01-0-189** (Dorothy J. Fralic) be removed from exempt status commencing 1-15-2023.  
The motion was carried unanimously.

It was moved by Member Brown and seconded by Member Galbraith that Tax Map Number: **50-08-15-0-050** (Jacob M. Long) be approved for exempt status, contingent on assessor's verification that the taxpayer's address is the primary residence, commencing 1-15-2023.  
The motion was carried unanimously.

It was moved by Member Brown and seconded by Member Galbraith that Tax Map Number: **50-20-11-0-073** (Ronald V. DeMarino) be approved for exempt status, contingent on assessor's verification that the taxpayer's address is the primary residence, commencing 1-15-2023.  
The motion was carried unanimously.

It was moved by Member Brown and seconded by Member Galbraith that Tax Map Number: **50-22-01-0-017** (David M. Manson) be approved for exempt status commencing 1-15-2023.  
The motion was carried unanimously.

It was moved by Member Brown and seconded by Member Galbraith that Tax Map Number: **57-10-00-0-018** (Joseph M. Ahearn) be approved for exempt status commencing 7-15-2022.  
The motion was carried unanimously.

**Disabled Veterans Not Requiring Board Vote:**

James L. Friend	46-17-14-0-021
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As far as old business, nothing was reported.

As far as new business to report, the owner of a Rostraver Township property (Map No.: 56-13-16-0-020) is requesting a six-year refund. A 2023 annual appeal was filed when the owner discovered that his property taxes were significantly higher than the surrounding patio homes in his neighborhood. During the appeal it was discovered that the surrounding patio homes were incorrectly assessed and those assessments were subsequently raised. The assessment was lowered due to a gas fireplace being assessed and the omission of depreciation for a common wall.

It was moved by Member Brown and seconded by Member Galbraith that Tax Map Number: **56-13-16-0-020** be approved for a six-year refund.

The motion was carried unanimously

Also in new business, it was discovered that NTSS, LLC (Tax Map Numbers: 24-05-03-0-366 and 24-05-04-0-065) were submitted as two value appeals that should have been presented as Exemption appeals as Administrative Reviews.

It was moved by Member Brown and seconded by Member Galbraith that Tax Map Numbers: 24-05-03-0-366 and 24-05-04-0-065 be approved, contingent on the appeals being properly submitted under an appropriate title and heard as Administrative Reviews.

The motion was carried unanimously

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.