

**MINUTES
BOARD OF APPEAL AND EQUALIZATION**

APRIL 14, 2014

Jeff Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Other Board members present were Donavon Mayer, Gene Beavers, Kay McDaniel, and Jean Soine. Others present were Renee Eckerly, City Administrator; Kathy Korte, Stearns County Assessor's Office; and Randy Lahr, Stearns County Assessor's Office.

The intent of the meeting was to bring facts forward and present them to the Board of Appeal & Equalization to determine adjustments. This board has the final say. After the Board has made its decision each property owner will receive a letter stating the outcome. If a property owner does not like the outcome they are welcome to present their case to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization. The Board will hear testimony and then make a decision.

Kathy Korte and Randy Lahr introduced themselves and handed out the packet of property sales for the year. \$197,300.00 was the highest residential sale. Sales ratio was 80% and the new market was \$174,000.00. There was \$2.5 million in commercial/industrial construction last year. The Green Acres agriculture values went up 19%. The House Bill exempted the first \$150,000.00 of the State rate.

The value on billboard sites is land only. Minnesota requires more consistency with evaluation. The billboards in the City didn't get any large adjustments.

There being no further questions, the meeting was closed at 6:30 p.m.

Renee Eckerly, City Administrator