

**Shamrock Township
Board of Appeal & Equalization
Monday, April 25, 2016**

Board Chairperson Charles Quale called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Township board members present were Supervisors Ron Smith and Allen Eld and Clerk Candace Kral. Representatives from the Aitkin County Assessor's Office were Mike Dangers, Stacy Westerlund, Lori Tibbetts, Jim Hicks and Darcy Moore. County Assessor Stacy Westerlund gave an overview of property value changes. New property values were listed on the valuation notices that were recently sent out. Shamrock Township had 76 good property sales with buildings last year. These sales were from October 2014 to September 2015 and do not include foreclosures, short sales and relative sales. Photographs and information on these sales was available for review.

A resident asked the assessors how storm damage to shoreline property affects the valuation. It was explained that most shoreline storm damage does not decrease the valuation of a property.

Two property owners presented their concerns to the board. Each concern was reviewed by the board supervisors and the representatives from the assessor's office. Four letters were also received and one assessor recommendation was brought to the board for action. The supervisors and the representatives from the assessor's office reviewed each concern and decisions were made on recommended changes. The board approved changes to a few property valuations. The report from the assessor's office is attached to these minutes.

Meeting adjourned 12:00 p.m.

Candace Kral
Clerk

Charles Quale
Board Chairman