

**Shamrock Township
Board of Appeal & Equalization
Monday, April 22, 2019**

Board Chairperson Charles Quale called the meeting to order at 9 a.m. Township board members present were Supervisors Allen Eld and Ron Smith and Clerk Candace Kral. Representatives from the Aitkin County Assessor's Office were Mike Dangers, Stacy Westerlund, Lori Tibbetts, Jim Hicks and Mr. Balder . County Assessor Mike Dangers gave an overview of property value changes. New property values were listed on the valuation notices that were recently sent out. Shamrock Township had 80 good sales last year. These sales were from October 2017 to September 2018 and do not include foreclosures, short sales and relative sales. Photographs and information on these sales was available for review. Mike explained the sales ratio system and stated that most of Shamrock Township was 86.98% of the allotted ratio zone, below state recommended of 90% -105%). So assessment valuation changes were needed to obtain the percent ration required by the state. They needed to make an increase to Big Sandy Lake base rate was increased by \$150 per front foot (about 10.7%) , Round Lake increased \$50 per front foot (about 5%); Horseshoe Lake decreased \$50 per front foot.; building rate for the township increased about 6% per square foot – bringing the overall ratio to 92.7%. County wide trends were also made, increased pole building values by 5%-10%; garage (stick built, attached and detached) values increased 20%; swampland decreased for larger acreage tracks and high wood acreage; double wide mobile homes increased by 10% and higher grade residential homes with above average qualities increased by 5%.

There were six people (three properties) owners present. Six letters/e-mails or phone calls were received stating concerns for board action. The board discussed the concerns with the property owners. Due to the concerns of Jodie & Loren Miller, 49734 202nd Place, the board, together with team members of county assessor's office, performed a site view of the property and buildings in question. One letter/e-mail was received for board action. The supervisors and the representatives from the assessor's office considered the concerns and decisions were made on recommended changes. . The appropriate changes were made. The board approved the recommended changes on a motion by Ron Smith, seconded by Allen Eld, to the property valuations, results attached; motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 12:50 p.m.

Candace Kral
Clerk

Charles Quale
Board Chairman

MINUTES WERE APPROVED AT THE MAY 9, 2019, REGULAR BOARD MEETING