

A special meeting of the South Williamsport Area School Board was called to order this evening in the library of the High School at 7:00 p.m. by the President, Chris Branton.

The meeting opened with the moment of silence and Pledge to the Flag.

Board Members Present: Anthony, Bachman, Davenport, Miller, Molino, Page, Persun, and Branton.

Board Members Absent: Bowman

Others Present: Dr. Mark Stamm-Superintendent, Jamie Mowery-Assistant Business Manager, Dennis Artley-Business Manager, and Jeff Rowe-Acting Solicitor.

Visitors: Mara Labarre, Dustin Green, Lori Solomon, Steve Cappelli, JB Shelb, David Lechniak, James Bower, Daphne Branton, Kathy Weaver, Andrew Button, Hunter Button, Ellen Koser, Brenda Trimble, Kevin Hodrick, Deborah Williams, Danielle Hall, Gale Workman, Janelle Kaufman, Cody Leon, Dawn Leon, Tiffany Bonnell, Ryan Rooney, Shane Beckman, Sara Beckman, Paul Mosteller, E. Winters, A. Winters, Jodi Ferris, Annie Penfield, Kelly Annicelli, Elizabeth Kymble, Chris Pardoe, Jeremy Kropp, Kayla Eiswerth, Denise Reis, Becky McKernan, Patricia Schrader, Charles Haefner, Diane Bernstien, Carl Stark, Debra Stark, Tina Richlin, John Richlin, Rita Kimble, Justin Kimble, Melissa Stahl, Gary Moyer, Tracy Knoebel, Amber Kingler, Laura Kingler, Chad Saylor, Amy Lambert, Ashley Sitter, Julie Williams, Lindsey Stamm, Jim Rissel, Andy Silverstrim, Mara House, Lynn Andrews, Sherrie Lyons, Tony Mussare, and Mike Maneval- Sun Gazette.

Chris Branton, Board President began the meeting by going over a sheet that was passed out to the board members and the public. This sheet began with a timeline. The first mention of appeals was at a board meeting on May 7, 2018. There was a newspaper article on May 8, 2019, and the Board approved the appeals process on May 21, 2018. Mr. Branton also went over all of the current tax rates for the school, county and Municipalities. He also went over the Common Level Ratio which is currently .737. He then went over the mean property which is number seventy-eight out of one hundred fifty-six. This property had a purchase price of \$112,500 with an assessment at the time of the sale of \$62,510. The new assessment using the common level ratio is \$82,912, or a change in assessment of \$20,403. This property total increase in taxes would be \$558.43. Some additional facts were that it impacts one hundred fifty-six properties and would provide an additional \$58,000 in revenue. This is not retro-active, the first bill would be in 2019.

Over the next hour and a half, over twenty-five taxpayers, real estate agents and bankers came to the microphone to voice their opposition to this reassessment process the same as they did at the October 1st meeting. Following all of the speakers, Molino made a motion to repeal the appeal process that was approved back in May, seconded by Page. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Davenport-yes, Miller-no, Molino-yes, Page-yes, Persun-yes, and Branton-no, motion carried. This means all reassessment scheduled for South Williamsport are cancelled.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Bachman that the meeting be adjourned, all members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Attest



Dennis A. Artley, Secretary