

**EQUALIZATION MEETING DE SMET COMMON COUNCIL
MARCH 18, 2019**

The De Smet Common Council met in special session on March 18, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. with the following present: Mayor Gary Wolkow, Jay Slater, Lowell Hanson, Norm Whitaker, Don Bohn, George Cavanaugh, Clerk Tracey Larson and School Board member Jared Tolzin. Absent: Alex Botkin. Also present: Equalization Director Tammy Anderson.

The purpose of this special meeting was to convene as a Board of Equalization to hear appeals on property assessments.

CONVENE AS BOARD OF EQUALIZATION: Mayor Wolkow called the meeting to order and declared the Council to be convened as a Board of Equalization.

APPEAL #1: Parcel #6162 Gerald M. Stofferahn was present to appeal the assessed value of his residence located on property legally described as Lot 2 & N2 of Lot 3, East Side Subdivision. Stofferahn stated that he feels that value should be back to the assessed value from 2017-2018 and felt he did not have the adequate opportunity to appeal his property assessment last year. The Board calculated the increase in value and concluded that the increase in the property assessed value was the same percentage that all other property assessed values in De Smet had incurred. Motion was made by Bohn, seconded by Cavanaugh, to leave the current assessed value as assessed by the Kingsbury County Equalization Office, all voting aye, motion carried.

APPEAL #2 Parcel #8297 Dennis Towers was present to appeal the assessed value of his storage container located on property legally described as Lot 9 & 10, Block 2, Ely's Addition. Towers presented a copy of the receipt that showed that date of purchase and container purchase price. Equalization Director Tammy Anderson informed the board that all storage containers are assessed at the same starting value. Motion was made by Slater, seconded by Bohn, to leave the current assessed value as assessed, all voting aye, motion carried. Towers was also reminded that before the storage container is moved, he will need a moving permit.

ASSESSMENT BOOKS: There being no further objections filed, the assessment books were reviewed and discussed. Motion was made by Cavanaugh, seconded by Whitaker to approve the assessment books, all voting aye, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the board, motion was made by Slater, seconded by Hansen, to adjourn as the Board of Equalization, all voting aye, motion carried.

ATTEST:

Gary Wolkow, Mayor

Tracey Larson, Clerk