

## 2023 Hopewell VA Board of Equalization

### Board Members:

Billie Glass (Chairperson)

Misty Pippin (Secretary)

Rosalyn Wiggins

Kathy Heimbuch

### Assessor's Office

Jason Cowan, Interim Assessor

Terry Born, Assessor

Vickie Akremi, Appraiser

Diana Samsal, Contract Appraiser

### Minutes of Meeting

Monday July 24, 2023

5:45-8:30 pm

Hopewell Fire Station One

200 Hopewell ST, Hopewell, VA 23860

### ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The members called the Organizational Meeting to order at 5:45 PM. Billie Glass was nominated as Chairperson and Misty Pippin was nominated as Secretary. All members voted unanimously to accept these nominations

### REGULAR MEETING

Call to order: Billie Glass called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

Roll Call: All members were in attendance.

New Business: All members were presented with the following spreadsheet outlining several properties that have been changed due to changes made after additional information was provided by owners. Two owners withdrew their appeal prior to scheduling of hearings.

2023 BDG	TOTAL	New LAND value	New BDG value	New Total	LAND Change	BUILDING Change	VALUE CHANGE	ACTION C/MC	CHECK	REMARKS	Note	DATE to the BOE	Reason	Order Number	posted in Proposal	Posted in MUNIS (NEW LD & BD value)	TOT Bill correction MINUS ADJ	Amount paid 1st half	Existing abatement mt 1st half	Existing abatement mt 2nd half	calculate 1st half bill (what it should have been)	calculate 2nd half bill (what it should have been)	PMT 2nd half		
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264000	319000	55000	211200	266200	0	-52800	-52800	0/NC	-52800	Consent		07/24/23	Property Characteristics	82510000-2023											
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126000	171100	45100	117000	162100	0	-9000	-9000	0/NC	-9000	Consent		07/24/23	Property Characteristics	81060395-2023											
208700	321900	113200	188500	291700	0	-28200	-28200	0/NC	-28200	Consent		07/24/23	Property Characteristics	80280245-2023											
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241600	273000	31400	193100	224500	0	-48500	-48500	0/NC	-48500	Consent		07/24/23	Property Characteristics	82150055-2023											
128500	155500	27000	128500	155500	0	0	0	0/NC	0	Withdrawal		07/24/23		80131990-2023											
77200	84200	12000	70300	82300	0	-1900	-1900	0/NC	-1900	Withdrawal		7/24/2023	Characteristic change	80402890-2023											

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249300	296100	46800	249300	296100	0	0	0/NC	0/NC	0			7/24/2023	Value to high	81750025-2023														
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**A motion was made by Billie Glass to accept the consent items that were presented, seconded by Rosalyn Wiggins. Motion carried.**

**First case: 176-0020 1202 Peterson Mill Road MARK OR JACQUELINE SHORNAK**

Mrs. Shornak presented several comparable properties within her immediate neighborhood with similar size and age in a package to the members. Mrs. Shornak stated roads flood with heavy rains.

Board Members had no questions.

Jason Cowan presented the board with data from neighborhood 45 sales and stated the assessments are at 95% of the sales price, Prior assessments were low at 70%. He explained how the market effects the assessment, the assessment process and how the properties were treated. Stating both were treated as modern not remodeled houses.

**Billie Glass made a motion to uphold the assessor's value of \$ 291,600. Rosalyn Wiggins seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**Second case: 175-0025 1900 Davis Lane DOROTHY SHORNAK**

Dorothy Shornak referenced the information presented in the previous hearing since both are in the same neighborhood with a few additional comparable properties. Also mentioning, Davis Lane was on target for improvements but after the second pond the road was condemned due to the dams and it would not hold a paver. There will not be any further work to the road. Mrs. Shornak stated the pond floods the road near her house.

**Billie Glass made a motion to uphold the assessor's value of \$ 296,100. Rosalyn Wiggins seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Third case: 175-0010 1815 DAVIS LN Evelyn Burton**

Introductions were made and the process explained. Mrs. Burton provided the members with a package. She stated that the records were full of errors. Bathroom count and fixtures were not correct on the card, there is no detached garage on the property. The garage is on the first level with nothing under it with no garage doors, no heat or ac, some insulation and electrical rough in, concrete floors. Jason ask her to describe the basement and she explained that it is the main living area of the house, the main floor is 3 bedrooms and a bath. It was determined that a site inspection was in order to correct the information on record.

This item was tabled until a site inspection is completed by City Staff.

**Fourth case:** 119-0425 1911 Old Iron Rd

James Taylor

Mr. Taylor commented on the large increase and thought there should be more people complaining about their new values. He presented several pictures showing the flooding in his yard because the road is higher than the yard since some development in the 1970's. Additionally, the basement floods and there is mold & mildew. There are drainage issues and pipes clogged in Prince George that contribute to the issues.

The board members had no questions.

Jason explained the changes he made during the informal hearings. The board discussed the changes and issues, and made a determination to lower the building value by 10% due to the water issues.

**Billie Glass made a motion to lower the value by 10% on the building only. Rosalyn Wiggins seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Fifth case:** 290-0210 & 290-0215

**Cobblestone** James Jones

Mr. Jones did not appear before the board members for his hearings at the appointed time.

Jason noted that there is a negative factor on these lots of -40%. And he explained that the base rate on the land was increased which increased the assessed value. Vickie explained the location and topography of the property.

**Billie Glass made a motion to uphold the assessor's value of \$ 30,000 each. Rosalyn Wiggins seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Meeting was adjourned by Billie Glass at 7:20 PM

Minutes approved by:

Billie Glass, Chairperson Billie S Glass Date 8/30/2023

Misty Pippins, Secretary Misty Pippins Date 8/30/2023