

Board of Abatement meeting minutes for January 20, 2015 (unapproved)

Members Present: Nancy Ertle, Susan Fortunati, Steve Long, Linda Weiss, Karen Galayda, Lois Jackson, Amy Peberdy, Jen Brooks Wooding, Chris Groschner, Russ Pazdro

Guests: Jeff and Judy Slack

Meeting called to order: 6:00 pm

Linda wanted to change the agenda to have the Slacks brought up to the number two item. Susan moved to change the Slacks to the second item and Leo Williams to the third item. Chris seconded. The ayes have it.

Minutes to the August 19th 2014 meeting were reviewed. Karen suggested an edit to take out the word "on" in a sentence. Karen moved to accept minutes with the change Susan seconded, the ayes have it.

Slack abatement: Linda asked if there were any questions from the Board regarding the request of Jeff and Judy Slack on their abatement of taxes due to a fire they had. The board has previously abated taxes for this fire from the prior year. This abatement is from the time span between July 1, 2014 and November 20, 2014 which covers 142 days based on a homestead value of \$171,100.00. Chris mover we approve the abatement of \$1302.68 for Jeff and Judy Slack. Steve seconded. Susan asked if they wanted it applied to the current bill. Jeff and Judy said yes. The ayes have it.

Williams's abatement: Leo Williams sent a letter asking for abatement on current and future taxes. The 2013-2014 are delinquent in the amounts of, principal \$208.27, interest \$34.32, penalty \$16.66 for a total of \$259.25. The current taxes are: September's payment \$208.22 with \$12.48 in interest and February's payment of \$208.22 for a total of \$428.92. The two combined have a total of \$688.17.

Mr. Williams wasn't present so board questions went unanswered. Other options that are open to Mr. Williams were discussed such as calling and making a payment plan, filing for the homeowners rebate on the State tax return which is required by law and if the rebate is more than what is due it can be applied to past balances. If he can't get them paid before the tax sale he has a year after tax sale to redeem his property and he could request another abatement at a later date.

Karen moved to deny the request based on inadequate information and there are other avenues he can use first. That he can come back at a later date if he can't pay and make another request. To send a letter with information about the other avenues along with the denial. Nancy seconded. Susan recused herself because she is the delinquent tax collector. There were 7 ayes and 2 nays the ayes have it.

Linda asked for any other business to come before the board, there was none. Chris moved to adjourn Lois seconded the ayes have it. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm