

Board of Abatement Meeting Minutes July 14, 2015 (unapproved)

Members Present: Nancy Ertle, Steve Long, Chris Groschner, Karen Galayda, Susan Fortunati, Linda Weiss, Laurie Sheridan, Melisa Mahoney, Russ Pazdro

Guests: Richard Kendall

The Meeting was called to order at 6:30

The minutes to the January 20, 2015 were reviewed Susan moved to accept them with a correction to a typo. Karen seconded the ayes have it.

Susan spoke on the taxes due. She sends a Delinquent Tax Bill every month with the new interest posted. Sometimes the check from the taxpayer cross's in the mail with the new tax bill being sent out. Which leaves a small balance of the new interest. She doesn't tax sale for an amount less than \$100.00. She would like permission to abate one month's interest from tax bills when this happens.

Chris moved to allow the Delinquent Tax Collector the discretion to forgo collection of one month's interest where the payment and the bill cross in the mail. Laurie seconded. The ayes have it.

To consider Richard Kendall's request for abatement of taxes. Linda asked Richard if anything had changed since he made his request. Richard said no and told of his issue's, including that his wife had to move out of the house because of her health so he lost her income.

Different members of the Board told him of things he could do to get his tax bill lower, such as filing the Homestead Declaration and Property Tax Adjustment Claim form (HS-122) and the (HI-144) Household Income form. Richard inquired about the Disabled Veterans exemption. He was told that he had to apply for that with the Veterans administration.

2014-2015 total taxes including principal, interest and penalty's is \$1524.34. Susan said the next tax sale wouldn't be until 2017 so the 2014-2015 taxes wouldn't be going to tax sale anytime soon.

The Board went into deliberations. When done they made a determination as follows: Laurie made a motion to deny Richard Kendall's tax abatement request of taxes because it is the long standing practice of the Corinth Board of Abatement to not subsidize tax payers who cannot afford their tax. Steve seconded. Susan recused herself as the Delinquent Tax Collector. The ayes have it.

The Board wanted to make sure that the information about help and filing tax forms was included in the denial letter to Richard.

Chris moved to adjourn, Russ seconded the ayes have it. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm