

## Town of Corinth Board of Abatement Meeting Minutes for November 17, 2016 Approved

Members Present: Susan Fortunati, Nancy Ertle, Hal Drury, Christine Minery, Laurie Sheridan, Karen Galayda, Linda Weiss and Jen Brooks-Wooding

Guests: Cole Johnson

Meeting called to order: 6:00 pm

Karen moved to approve the minutes to the September 13, 2016 Hal seconded. There were a few wording corrections suggested. The minutes passed with changes.

Linda went over Cole's letter. She read out of the Abatement handbook the rules for abatement. Cole spoke on his situation and income.

Susan spoke on what was owed. When Cole sent his letter he had a total of \$1226.99 in interest and penalty's owed. Since then he came and paid \$2700.00 on his taxes. Susan applied the money as follows according to policy. For the 14-15 tax year \$155.60 was applied to interest, \$103.75 applied to penalty and \$1296.73 applied to principal. For the 15-16 tax year \$716.91 applied to interest and \$31.63 applied to penalty which left a penalty balance of \$300.89. She applied \$395.32 to principal which left a balance of \$3761.10 on principal for a total amount due of \$4061.99 for the 15-16 tax year.

Susan also noted that Cole didn't fill out his 14-15, 15-16 homestead declaration with his tax returns that would have saved him money by making him residential instead of non-residential.

Susan also read the Statue that speaks about a taxpayer being able to only sell a portion of his property at tax sale if needed.

Laurie moved to go into deliberative session, Nancy seconded the ayes have it. Cole left the meeting.

Susan noted that she was recusing herself on any vote since she is delinquent tax collector.

Discussion followed.

Karen moved that we deny Mr. Johnson's request for tax abatement on the grounds that it has never been the practice of the Corinth Board of Abatement to abate taxes, penalty and interest for tax payers due to the inability to pay and Mr. Johnson has other options available to relieve his tax situation. Laurie seconded, the ayes have it.

Linda called for other business, there was none.

Hal moved to adjourn meeting Laurie seconded, the ayes have it. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm.