Board of Civil Authority Meeting Minutes for August 19, 2014 (unapproved)

Members Present: Chris Groschner, Russ Pazdro, Steve Long, Bonnie Blodgett, Amy Peberdy, Linda Weiss, Allen Locke, Nancy Ertle, Lois Jackson

Guests Present: Karen Galayda and Susan Fortunati

Meeting called to order: 6:57 am

Linda spoke about why we convened this meeting; it is to correct a mistake made in the Loftus and Durham tax assessment appeal. The Lister’s at the August 12, 2014 meeting presented a report from an inspection they had done after the Grand List was lodged that the BCA took into account and the BCA suggested the Lister’s come up with a new value based on the report. The Loftus/Durham’s withdrew their appeal based on this decision.

The BCA found it can’t use this report and needs to appoint an inspection committee of their own to visit the Loftus/Durham property. It was also pointed out that there is no provision for a withdrawal of tax appeal, that the process needs to run its course.

Linda sent a letter to the Loftus /Durham’s and email’s informing them of what has come about. They understand the process and were in agreement with it.

The three people who were appointed or volunteered for the inspection committee are: Chris Groschner, Allen Locke and Steve Long. There was some talk about the building, sketches of it and the living space.

Chris asked about Karen recusing herself. She said she never did formally at the meeting, she had just mentioned it to Jen in the Lister’s office. Allen said she was recused by not denying it when Jen said it at the August 12, 2014 meeting.

There was discussion about the basis for the Loftus/Durham appeal, that they didn’t have any evidence in writing with their appeal request letter showing why they were appealing.

At this time the draft minutes to the August 12, 2014 were passed out and reviewed.

Steve mentioned they gave reasons for appeal when they were present at the meeting. Everyone agreed that we should inspect the property and go from there.

Chris moved to approve the minutes to the August 12, 2014 meeting with spelling corrections. Lois seconded. The ayes have it. Lois and Bonnie needed to leave at this point.

Moving on to the Tkac appeal. The Listers made the adjustments to square footage. The valuation changed from $550,400.00 to $519,000.00. Allen made a motion to approve the new appraisal value of $519,000.00. Chris seconded and the ayes have it.

Chris moved to adjourn Nancy seconded, the ayes have it. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm