

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY BOARD OF PROPERTY ASSESSMENT
APPEALS & REVIEW**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING HELD
THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2024**

PRESENT:

WAYDE FARGOTSTEIN, BOARD CHAIR
RICHARD SNIPE, VICE CHAIR
MICHELLE PAYANZO, SECRETARY
LESANS MONTGOMERY, MEMBER
MICHAEL SULEY, MEMBER
SUSAN THORNTON LARA, MEMBER

ALSO PRESENT:

AMY SCHREMPF, BOARD SOLICITOR
BARBARA BALDWIN, BOARD ADMINISTRATOR

Call to Order, Roll Call

Mr. Fargotstein called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m. Ms. Payanzo called the roll and determined that all were present, and a Quorum was present.

Approval of the Minutes of the Prior Regular Meeting of May 9, 2024

A Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the prior regular meeting of May 9, 2024. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment Period

Mr. Ed Hirshberg, Esq., property owner representative, filed a timely 2024 tax assessment appeal. Hearing was scheduled and heard May 7, 2024. Mr. Hirshberg stated that he did not receive prior notice of the hearing date and time Mr. Hirshberg has also provided an Affidavit.

The School District does not object to rescheduling.

A motion was made and seconded to grant a rehear for Parcel ID# 606-D-12. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Solicitor's Report (Ms Schrempf)

No Solicitor's report. Only updates.

53% of appeals have been heard to date.

Technical and system updates – the CLR function is now in production. Still data testing “02B” status.

County Council's ordinance to move to prospectus.

Mr. Suley recommends the Board Chair send a letter to Council stating that the Board supports the bill.

Appeals Department Report (Ms. Brown)

Status report as submitted. Commercial scheduled through June 25, 2024. Once scheduling is completed for Commercial, will move to scheduling Residential hearings for July.

Hearing Officer scheduling, retaining Commercial Hearing Officer support and concerns regarding Commercial Hearing scheduling were discussed among OPA, the Board, Board Solicitor, Board Administrator, Chief Assessor and Hearing Officer Bill Woods.

Items from OPA Department (Ms. Brooks)

Ms. Brooks inquired of the exemption letters and asked if there were an ETA as to when OPA would receive them.

Ms. Baldwin responded that additional information is needed such as the file or exemption application to complete the letters.

Ms. Brooks and Ms. Snyder stated the exemption applications are in OnBase.

Ms. Brooks – when County Council’s bill passes regarding prospectus OPA and BPAAR should meet to discuss process.

Items from the Board Administrator (Ms. Baldwin)

Request to rehear Parcel ID# 6-F-203

A motion was made and seconded to grant rehear for Parcel ID# 6-F-203. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Request to include 2022 & 2023 with timely filed 2024 appeal | Parcel ID# 1-N-281-3B
Tabled until next Board meeting.

Request to rehear Parcel ID# 997-D-39

A motion was made and seconded to deny request to rehear. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Request to rehear Parcel ID# 49-L-87

A motion was made and seconded to grant rehear for Parcel ID# 49-L-87. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Request to reschedule hearing Parcel ID# 198-R-10

No Board Action. Administrative breakdown.

Hearing Officer Judith Ginyard – tabled; executive session.

Board Approval List

Tax Year 2022Y, First Parcel ID# 388-J-108

Tax Year 2023, First Parcel ID# 388-J-108

Tax Year 2024, First Parcel ID# 764-G-240

No pulls or recusals.

A Motion was made and seconded to approve the Board approval list as submitted. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Old Business.

Mr. Suley and Ms. Brocks discuss the CLR functionality and the ability to apply a percentage to the land and building value. Ms. Brocks will investigate if percentages can be calculated in the fields.

New Business.

Appeals deadline resolution, commercial hearing officer scheduling and land/building breakouts covered under the appeals department section.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 a.m.

Executive session held to discuss personnel matters.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michelle Payanzo", written over a horizontal line.

Michelle Payanzo, Board Secretary