

PTABOA Hearing 04-17-2025

The Starke County Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals met in regular session at 10:30 A.M. CST in the Annex 1 Meeting Room, located at 53 E Mound Street in Knox, Indiana. Assessor Michelle Schouten - Board Secretary, John Viveiros - Assessment Defense, Phyl Olinger - Board President, and Victoria (Tori) Chessor – Board Member were present, and the following proceedings were held to wit:

ORGANIZATIONAL DUTIES:

- Board members were sworn in by the Starke County Auditor representative, Teresa Trout in Michaelene Houston's absence.
- Tori Chessor made a motion to reinstate Phyl Olinger as the Board President which carried. Phyl then called the meeting to order at 10:30 A.M. after establishing that we did have a quorum.
- Tori made a motion to approve the October 24, 2024 minutes as written. Phyl seconded the motion which carried.
- After waiting five (5) minutes for the first petitioner to appear it was decided to review the 136 exemptions while waiting.

Jesus Cares Ministry @ 502 Crystal St & Crystal St in North Judson for Form136 exemption:

The board reviewed and discussed the documents presented. Tori made a motion to approve the exemption at 100%. Phyl seconded the motion which carried.

Starke County Resource Center @ 253 E John St in Knox for Form136 exemption:

The board reviewed and discussed the documents presented, and noted that the exemption was approved in a previous year for a different parcel where the property was destroyed in a fire. Tori made a motion to approve the exemption at 100%. Phyl seconded the motion which carried.

Healthlinc, Inc for Personal Property only for Form136 exemption:

The board reviewed and discussed the documents presented, and noted that this exemption has already been granted in prior years and wasn't scheduled for review again until next year. Phyl made a motion to approve the exemption at 100%. Tori seconded the motion which carried.

Hanches John & Rus Rodica @ 7012 E 400 S in Knox:

Petitioners failed to appear. After waiting twenty (20) minutes for the petitioner, it was verified that the petitioner had not contacted the assessor's office to reschedule, and that the Form 114 that was mailed on 3-13-2025 had not been returned as not deliverable. The board then decided to review the evidence in the petitioner's absence. After reviewing everything that was provided by both parties Tori made a motion that no change be made to the original 2025 payable in 2026 assessment of \$14,400. Phyl seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Hanches John & Rus Rodica @ 3928 S 700 E in Knox:

Petitioners failed to appear. After waiting twenty (20) minutes for the petitioner, it was verified that the petitioner had not contacted the assessor's office to reschedule, and

that the Form 114 that was mailed on 3-13-2025 had not been returned as not deliverable. The board then decided to review the evidence in the petitioner's absence. After reviewing everything that was provided by both parties Tori made a motion that no change be made to the original 2025 payable in 2026 assessment of \$15,000. Phyl seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Wolf Andreas A & Isabel @ 7715 S 1075 W in SanPierre:

Petitioner failed to appear. After discussing the unusual circumstances surrounding this appeal, the board chose to table a decision on this appeal until the June meeting. They noted that this appeal was actually filed for the 2024 assessment amount but was not timely for that assessment. The assessor trying to be helpful refiled the petition for the 2025 assessment prior to the taxpayer's receipt of the form 11 which for various reasons shows a significant increase in the assessment from 2024. The board felt this warranted further contact with the petitioner. They asked the assessor to contact this petitioner by phone, email and USPS to ensure an understanding of the assessment in question prior to the June meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next meeting will be held on June 26, 2025 at 9:00 A.M. CST in the Annex Meeting Room, located at 53 E Mound Street in Knox, Indiana. As there was no further business to discuss Tori made a motion to adjourn. Phyl seconded the motion which carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:12 A.M. CST.



Respectfully submitted by _____
Michelle Schouten, Assessor & Secretary for PTABOA