

Minutes of the Meeting September 15, 2021

Bethel Board of Assessment Appeals

A meeting of the Board of Assessment Appeals was held in person and via Zoom

Video/Teleconference video link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7913084690>

In attendance:

Gary Passineau – Chairman

Bruce A. Cornwell – Vice Chairman

Elizabeth Hirt – Assessor

Start: 5:57 PM.

Met with: Steven J, Dunn, owner of Bouchard Construction. Sworn in.

He stated that he paid tax on a truck that is no longer in service. The truck was a total wreck due to an accident at work. Date of accident: 09-28-20. Copy from the Ridgefield Fire Dept. affirmed the accident. The truck was burned, and salvaged. He paid a tax of: \$2732.80. He is appealing this amount. Photos of the damaged truck were shown as proof.

Met with: Jim Olszewski, 147 Chestnut Street. Sworn in.

Discussed a 2018 Hyundai. The tax bill was high, due to the confusion over the vin number. What model Sonata is it? The styles vary. He states that he has been over-charged for several years. He bought the car for \$13175 in Sept. 28, 2020. He had it on a lease. The MSRP was for a higher model. He has been having an ongoing problem with this. The current value is: \$ 17,228. He turned the plates to DMV in December, 2020, due to a problem with the dealer. He brought all of his info to Town Hall at that time. The current tax assessment is: \$ 17,225. He is questioning the higher value, even though used cars have gone up in price.

This grand list is from 10-01-19, prior to the increase in used car prices. according to Mr. Olszewski. Net assessment for 07-01-21 is: \$ 12,060, and tax of: \$385.92. The trade-in range is from \$11,000 to \$ 13,000, depending upon mileage. He currently has 60,000 miles on this car. He is looking to reduce the value about \$1600.

In addition, the minutes from 03-23-21 were printed and read. Gary made the motion to accept, seconded by Bruce. Passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn made by Bruce at 7:10 PM. Seconded by Gary, motion passed.

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