

Minutes of the Town of Willing Special Meeting held at the Willing Town Hall, located at 1431 State Route 19 South, Wellsville NY at 7pm on November 23rd, 2015.

Present: Supervisor Wightman, Councilwoman Roeske, Councilmen: Wiedemann, Fanton and Cook Highway Supt. Matteson and Clerk Buchholz

Guests: Assessor LouAnne Glass, Real Property Administrator Joe Budinger,

Residents: Craig Martin, Lauri and Don Drake and Al Carlin.

Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Wightman at 6:55pm for the purpose of exploring other options for a Town of Willing re-assessment.

Supervisor Wightman shared his findings from the Sales printout that Assessor Glass had made available for the last 3 years.

Mr. Budinger passed out handouts to explain how the State figures the Equalization Rate. He explained that to figure the rate the State uses a 2 part system. (Local assessment figures, then the State looks at sales, appraisal and market Trends as well.) He also explained that the Town is not required by law to do a re-assessment but if nothing is done it will throw the tax roll off, and the lower equalization rate takes away from exceptions, especially our seniors residents. It was also mentioned that the time to question the equalization rate from the state is when the State sends their preliminary rate.

Mr. Carlin questioned what caused a rate drop with just 7 sales in one year? The Town has been at 100% for several years and now all of a sudden it changed.

Assessor Glass shared an option that she sought out from Generations Appraisal Service. Field officer would do data collecting and pictures, then give information to Assessor Glass for entry into the computer program. This would cut the cost dramatically, and it would possible for some re-reimbursement from the State per each parcel documented. There would be a slight added expense due to added grievance hearings.

At this time it was determined that if the re-val was done this spring, the figures would take affect in September of 2017. (School Taxes)

The board discussed and decided to re-bid the re-assessment for the Town with new specifications, Supervisor Wightman will compile needed information and mail out letters to from previous mailing. Bids will be opened at our year end Board Meeting.

Councilman Fanton moved to adjourn the special meeting, Councilwoman Roeske seconded, said meeting was adjourned at 8pm

Respectfully:
Deborah J Buchholz
Town of Willing Clerk
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