

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF PHILIP, SOUTH DAKOTA
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
MARCH 15, 2021**

The Philip City Council met in special session on Monday, March 15, 2021, at 4:00 p.m. in the Community Room of the Haakon Co. Courthouse for the purpose of meeting as a Board of Equalization. Board members present were Mayor Michael Vetter; Council Members Marty Gartner, Brit Miller, Scott Pinney, Terri Pelle, Marion Matt; and, Haakon School District 27-1 Board Member Jari Spry. Also present were the following. City Administrator Brittany Smith, Finance Officer Monna Van Lint, Haakon School District 27-1 Superintendent Jeff Rieckman, Haakon Co. Deputy Director of Equalization Katrina Gartner, Chelsea Tobin with the Pioneer Review, Joe Gittings, Jared Schofield, Jim Smith, Ralph and Julianne Kemnitz, Rownea Gerbracht with Vanguard (via Zoom); and later, Haakon Co. Commissioner Nick Konst, Haakon Co. Auditor Carla Smith, Haakon Co. Deputy Auditor Amanda Frink.

Absent: None.

Mayor Vetter called the meeting to order and convened as the Local Board of Equalization.

The Board reviewed the following filed objections for 2021 taxes payable in 2022.

Filed Property Assessment Objections for 2021:

George Lee Dennis (parcel #9237): current land assessment - \$1,388; current building assessment - \$10,930; total assessment - \$12,318. Property owner recommendation: land - \$1,000; building - \$3,500; total - \$4,500. Motion was made by Matt, seconded by Pinney to deny any change in the valuation for said parcel #9237. Motion carried.

George Lee Dennis (parcel #9635/9950): current land assessment - \$2,428; current building assessment - \$11,298; total assessment - \$13,726. Property owner recommendation: land - \$1,000; building - \$4,000; total - \$5,000. Motion was made by Matt, seconded by Pinney to deny any change in the valuation for said parcel #9635/9950. Motion carried.

George Lee Dennis (parcel #9636): current land assessment - \$2,428; current building assessment - \$10,364; total assessment - \$12,792. Property owner recommendation: land - \$1,000; building - \$4,000; total - \$5,000. Motion was made by Matt, seconded by Pinney to deny any change in the valuation for said parcel #9636. Motion carried.

George Lee Dennis (parcel #9821/9239): current land assessment - \$2,984; current building assessment - \$15,130; total assessment - \$18,114. Property owner recommendation: land - \$1,500; building - \$5,000; total - \$6,500. Motion was made by Matt, seconded by Pinney to deny any change in the valuation for said parcel #9821/9239. Motion carried.

Joseph Gittings (parcel #8855): current land assessment - \$22,501; current building assessment - \$152,319; total assessment - \$174,820. Property owner recommendation: land - \$22,500; building - \$136,320; total - \$158,820. Motion was made by Matt, seconded by Miller to recommend reassessing said parcel #8855 with correct values on the following reported errors: reevaluate the kitchen cabinets; correct the square footage of the addition; and, correct the garage as being attached—not detached. Motion carried.

Ralph Kemnitz (parcel #8923): current land assessment - \$4,064; current building assessment - \$118,890; total assessment - \$122,954. Property owner recommendation: land - \$3,079; building - \$53,039; total - \$56,118. No action was taken on said parcel #8923.

Ralph Kemnitz (parcel #9399): current land assessment - \$11,456; current building assessment - \$1,383; total assessment - \$12,839. Property owner recommendation: land - \$8,679; building - \$0.00; total - \$8,679. No action was taken on said parcel #9399.

Ralph Kemnitz (parcel #9400): current land assessment - \$11,456; current building assessment - \$146,459; total assessment - \$157,915. Property owner recommendation: land - \$8,679; building - \$124,124; total - \$132,803. No action was taken on said parcel #9400.

Frank Narcisian (parcel #9903): current building assessment - \$16,932; total assessment - \$16,932. Property owner recommendation: building - \$0.00; total - \$0.00. Motion was made by Miller, seconded by Matt to change the total valuation for said parcel #9903 to \$0.00 as the building was removed from the City in October 2020. Motion carried.

Cassidy Schnabel (parcel #9943): current building assessment - \$18,446; total assessment - \$18,446. Property owner recommendation: building - \$0.00; total - \$0.00. Motion was made by Matt, seconded by Miller to change the total valuation for said parcel #9943 to \$0.00 as the building was removed from the City in February 2019. Motion carried.

Jared Schofield (parcel #9815): current building assessment - \$20,339; total assessment - \$20,339. Property owner recommendation: building - \$17,720; total assessment - \$17,720. Motion was made by Miller, seconded by Matt to reduce the valuation for said parcel #9815 to \$18,269 which reflect removing the shed valuation of \$2,070 as it is owned by landowner of the manufactured home park. Motion carried.

James and Betty Smith (parcel #9375): current land assessment - \$5,450; current building assessment - \$81,224; total assessment - \$86,674. Property owner recommendation: land - \$3,500; building - \$80,000; total - \$83,500. Motion was made by Miller, seconded by Pelle to reduce the valuation of the land to \$3,500 with no changes to the building, resulting in a total valuation of \$84,724 on said parcel #9375. Motion carried.

Roger and Valerie Williams (parcel #9279): current land assessment - \$1,042; current building assessment - \$31,015; total assessment - \$32,057. Property owner recommendation: land - \$10,000; building - \$8,000; total - \$18,000. Motion was made by Matt, seconded by Pinney to recommend the land and dwelling valuations for said parcel #8855 be examined further by the Director of Equalization. Motion carried.

With nothing further, the property owners were advised that if they are unsatisfied with the Board's decision, they have the right to appeal to the Haakon Co. Board of Equalization. The deadline for filing an appeal to Haakon Co. is April 5th with their meeting scheduled for April 14, 2020.

With no further business to come before the Local Board of Equalization, Mayor Vetter adjourned the meeting.

City Council

Mayor Vetter then called the meeting to order to reconvene as the City Council.

Artesian Well Relining Project:

No update was available on the project.

Motion was made by Pelle, seconded by Miller to approve the second reading of the following Ord. #2021-01 as presented. Motion carried with all members voting aye.

ORDINANCE #2021-01 2021 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ORDINANCE ARTESIAN WELL REPAIRS

WHEREAS, the City of Philip, South Dakota, approved Ordinance #2020-15 in December 2020 in anticipation of the Artesian Well repairs being completed in 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the Artesian Well repairs were delayed until 2021 due to the contractor’s schedule; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Philip did not anticipate nor budget for the emergent need to repair the Artesian Well with the anticipated contributions and donations when preparing the fiscal year 2020 and 2021 appropriations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the following Supplemental Appropriations Ordinance be and hereby is adopted in order to recognize the revenues and expenses that will be forthcoming for the artesian well repairs.

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>
43310 ARTESIAN WELL	
42230 Contract Services	\$ 250,000.00
<u>TOTAL ARTESIAN WELL DEPT</u>	<u>\$ 250,000.00</u>
<u>TOTAL APPROP. & ACCUM.</u>	<u>\$ 250,000.00</u>

MEANS OF FINANCE

The following designates the fund or funds that money derived from the following sources is applied to.

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>
10400 CMA – UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	
10400 Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 160,000.00
36700 CONTRIBUTIONS/DONATIONS	
36710 Contributions & Donations	\$ 90,000.00
<u>TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS/DONATIONS</u>	<u>\$ 250,00.00</u>
<u>TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCE</u>	<u>\$ 250,000.00</u>

Dated this 15th day of March 2021.

/s/ Michael Vetter, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Monna Van Lint, Finance Officer

Passed First Reading: Mar. 1, 2021
Passed Second Reading: Mar. 15, 2021
Yeas: 6 Nays: 0
(Published: Mar. 11 & 25, 2021)

Building/Flood Plain Dev. Permits:
Kim Petersen – commercial structure.

Motion was made by Matt, seconded by Pinney to approve the permit as presented above contingent upon compliance with the 1997 Uniform Fire Code as adopted by the City. Motion carried.

Swimming Pool:
Motion was made by Miller, seconded by Gartner to approve Cylver Lurz as the Swimming Pool Manager for the 2021 season at a wage of \$13.50 per hour. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Matt, seconded by Pinney to approve administrative leave on Good Friday, Apr. 2nd per Governor Noem's declaration. Motion carried.

With no further business to come before the Council, the Mayor declared the meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

/s/ Michael Vetter, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Brittany Smith, City Administrator

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