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**NOME CITY COUNCIL
BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2020 @ 5:30 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

PLEASE NOTE: *The Board of Equalization will start on May 13, but will continue to May 14 & 15 only if necessary.*

- I. ROLL CALL
- II. HEARING OF APPELLANTS
- III. ADJOURNMENT

17.20.050 Appeals.

(a) Any alleged error in valuation not adjusted by the assessor to the taxpayer's satisfaction may be appealed to the board of equalization in accordance with the procedures set forth in Alaska Statutes.

17.20.060 Board of equalization.

The city council shall sit as a board of equalization for the purpose of hearing any appeal from determinations of the assessor. Except as otherwise provided in this chapter the board shall be governed in its proceedings by the general rules of city council business regarding quorum and voting requirements, and by the general rules of administrative law applicable in the state of Alaska. (Ord. O-93-6-6 § 1 (part), 1994)

17.20.070 Hearing.

(a) The appellant shall bear the burden of proof of an alleged error in an exemption determination. The only grounds for adjustment is proof based on facts which are stated in a valid written appeal timely filed or proved at the hearing.

**MINUTES
NOME BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
MAY 13, 2020**

The Board of Equalization was called to order at 5:30 PM by Acting Mayor Brown in Council Chambers of Nome City Hall, located at 102 Division Street in Nome.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jerald Brown; Mark Johnson; Adam Martinson; Jennifer Reader; Meghan Topkok (telephonic)

Members Absent: Doug Johnson

Also Present: Glenn Steckman, City Manager; Bryant Hammond, City Clerk; Arne Erickson, Contract Assessor (telephonic); Martins Onskulis, Contract Assessor (telephonic); Geoff Hubert, appellant

In the audience:

HEARING OF APPELLANTS

1. Geoff Hubert presented his appeal to the Board of Equalization, contending the Assessor had mistakenly valued his property and that he did not agree with the value given.

Arne Erickson presented his basis for valuation, describing comparables and land value adjusted for no sewer and water service.

- Council Member Reader asked if a garage was included in the assessment.
- Mr. Erickson explained the inventory showed a 24 foot x 30 foot shop as a separate structure, valued at \$44,200.
- Mr. Hubert explained he built an addition about that size several years ago, but that he did not have a separate shop.
- The Clerk pulled the property card from the Clerk's Office files; the Board examined the property card.
- Based on the records provided, the Board found the property did not have a separate 24 x 30 structure.

A motion was made by C. M. Johnson and seconded C. Reader to subtract \$48,300 from the Assessor's revised value of \$394,600 for a value of \$346,300.

At the roll call:

Aye: M. Johnson; Martinson; Reader; Topkok; Brown

Nay:

Abstain:

The motion **CARRIED.**

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by C. Reader seconded by C. Martinson that the meeting be adjourned.

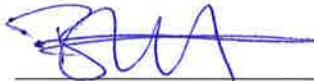
Hearing no objections, the Nome Common Council adjourned at 6:06 PM

APPROVED and SIGNED this 8th day of June, 2020.



JERALD BROWN
Acting Mayor

ATTEST:



BRYANT HAMMOND
City Clerk