

Tax Abatement Committee  
Tuesday, January, 7, 2024, 4:30 p.m.  
Sharon Bushor Conference Rm

Minutes of the Hearing

Committee Members: Councilors Sarah Carpenter (SC) Chair; Joan Shannon (JS); Joe Kane (JK)

Others Present: Erik Ramakrishnan (ER), City Attorney's Office; Joseph Turner (JT), City Assessor; Kenneth Nosek (KN), Committee Administrator-City Assessor's Office; Traci Isham (TI); Maja Kazimieruk MK; Alicia Araje-Van Dyk (French Interpreter assisting translation for Ms. Okuka).

Petitioner's Present: Alice Okuka; William Miller

Petitioner's Absent: Stephanie Seguino

At 4:33 p.m. Chair Sarah Carpenter commenced the hearing.

Introductions made of Committee and Staff members for committee.

**Agenda:**

Motion to adopt by **JS**

Second by **JK** passed

Unanimous

Minutes from last meeting adopted

**Public Comment:**

No one here today to speak on public forum

**Hearings:**

SC speaks to reasons for abatement of taxes in Burlington.

**Alice Okuka, 105 Fairmont Place, 024-2-200-105**

Petitioner sworn in by ER

Additional evidence submitted to packet by Ms. Okuka.

Alicia Araje-Van Dyk interpreted in French

Petitioner presented request.

Hearing for Okuka closed at 5:22 p.m. at this point JS asked if it was okay not to go into private deliberative session.

Deliberative Session PUBLIC started at 5:23 p.m.

Motion to grant made by JS

Seconded by JK

Unanimous vote

**Ohavi Zedek, 472 North Street, 045-1-119-000**

Representing is William Miller

Petitioner sworn in by ER

Petitioner presented request.

Hearing for Ohavi Zedek closed at 5:53 p.m.

Motion to deny made by JS

Seconded by JK

Dissent by SC – would like to abate the municipal portion of the tax.

**Seguino\_865 S. Prospect St\_058-3-016-000**

Petitioner not present but granted permission for this hearing to be conducted on the basis of the written testimony. Petitioner is out of the country and did not opt for a phone or virtual digital hearing.

Hearing for Seguino started 5:54 p.m.

Hearing closed at 5:56 p.m.

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Motion to deny made by JS

Seconded by JK

Hearing process for all petitions adjourned at 5:57 p.m

Deliberative private session started at 5:57 p.m.