Tax Abatement Committee Hearing
11/17/2020

Board of Tax Abatement

Minutes

Tuesday, November 17, 2020 5:00 p.m. - Zoom Meeting

*(Deliberative session continued on Friday, November 20, 2020)

Committee Members: Councilors Franklin Paulino Chair (FP), Sarah Carpenter (SC), Perri Freeman (PF).

Others Present: Joy Hovestadt (JH), City Attorney's Office; John Vickery (JV), City Assessor; Kenneth Nosek (KN), Committee Administrator (City Assessor's Office; Jeff Herwood (JH), A/R Team Lead.

Petitioners Present: Rabbi Wilhelm, Bernice and Ashley Walenty, Maximillian Hurd, Redstone-Glenn Von Bernewitz, Ana Milizia with her lawyer Sandra Baird.

At 5:22 p.m. Chair Franklin Paulino commenced the meeting.

Agenda:

Motion to adopt by **FP**

Second by **PF**

passed

Minutes Adopted:

Motion to adopt by **FP**

Second by **PF**

405 Investment Corporation-Redstone Property Management, 053-1-005-000, 405 Pine Street

Motion to abate by **FP**

Second by **PF**

Unanimous

Recommend to abate $2,083.38. Manifestly unjust b/c evidence showed check not received/processed by bank.

M & W Developers LLC, Patrick McCaffrey-Owner, 043-3-115-000, 98 North Avenue

Motion to abate by **PF**

Second by **FP**

Unanimous

Recommend to deny abatement of $387.35. The tax is manifestly just. City had the correct mailing address and no evidence provided that tax bill was not sent by City to the owner.

Ronald A. and Michele H. Morin, 057-4-028-000, 501 Shelburne Street

Motion to abate by **FP**

Second by **PF**

Unanimous

Recommend to deny abatement of $45.00 because the interest charged is manifestly just, illegal or uncollectible. We apologize for the inconvenience to the taxpayer. This was a taxpayer error.

Maximilian Hurd, 049-4-205-001, 226B South Union Street

Motion to abate by **FP**

Second by **PF**

Unanimous

Recommend to abate penalties and interest of 272.99 due to COVID relocation and confusion with the online payment entry of parcel ID# format and therefore manifestly unjust.

John P. Sullivan, 054-1-153-000, 97 Overlake Park

Motion to abate by **FP**

Second by **PF**

Unanimous

Recommend to grant abatement of penalties, interest (and other) in amount of $226.28 due to manifestly unjust during COVID pandemic.

Ashley & Bernice Walenty, 028-2-003-000, 6 Glenwood Lane

Motion to abate by **FP**

Second by **PF**

Unanimous

Recommend to grant $1,021.16 based on city error and thus manifestly unjust. Assessor office never received PTTR/Deed for C/T office after it was recorded with Clerk's office.

Vermont Organization for Jewish Education, 050-1-016-000, 42 Summit Street

Motion to abate by **SC**

Second by **FP**

Passed with 2 votes

Dissent PF

Recommend to abate penalties and interest (and other) of $2,590.88 due to manifestly unjust as the organization was attempting to open religious exemption but took long time to organize their paperwork for the request to be appropriately documented for their PVR-137 exemption request. Exemption request was not valid until late November 2019 – mid tax year. Committee does not recommend abating any taxes due prior to the FY21 tax year – the Vermont Organization for Jewish Education choose not to pay the taxes that were owed and the committee believes they owe that money to the municipality. Tax was manifestly just and neither illegal nor uncollectible from the owner. No evidence to contrary provided by petitioner.

Ana Milizia, Representative-Sandra Baird, Attorney, 054-3-011-009, 499 South Prospect Street, Unit 1

Motion to abate by **SC**

Second by **FP**

Unanimous

Recommend to abate all taxes, penalties and interest for FY19 and FY20 except for $321.23 in taxes for FY20. Recommend to abate current interest of $70.01 for FY21. With the exception noted prior, the balance is deemed manifestly unjust b/c committee deems total uncollectible in this specific case.

Tabled deliberative for Milizia, Sullivan, Hurd and VT Organization for Jewish Education until 3 p.m. November 20, 2020.

Public Forum open and closed b/c no members of public here.

ADJOURNMENT

Public meeting adjourned at 7:35p.m.

Motion to Adjourn by **PF**

Second by **SC**

Unanimous