

## Board of Abatement

5/22/2024

The Board of Abatement met at 5:30 pm in the Town Office building for request of abatement hearings.

Present were: Chair of BCA Kevin Oddy, Frank Empsall, Dennis Smith, Steven Isham, Town Clerk/Treasurer Stacy Jewell, Diane Holmes, Robert Holmes, Stephanie Churchill, Durward Ellis, Loraine Janowski, David Brown, Assessor Matthew Krajeski, Lisa Shaw, Kevin Shaw.

Meeting was opened by Kevin Oddy. Oaths were given to board members, assessor and tax payers. Kevin Oddy went over the process of the hearing and the reasons for abatement.

1. Kevin & Lisa Shaw, 72 Oak Street, Parcel ID 211065

2022, 2023 taxes, penalty, and interest \$3519.12.

Mr. Shaw explained that he had lost his SSDI payments and they have fallen behind on all of their bills. He has multiple health conditions, is recovering from pancreatic cancer and cannot work. Mrs. Shaw works two jobs. He state they never reached out about assistance with the property taxes as he thought he would receive his benefits back and be able to get caught up. He is currently waiting to hear from SSDI from the last appeal hearing.

The assessor had no questions. Chairman Oddy asked Mr. Shaw to review the timeline of payments from SSDI and to confirm when they stopped making payments. Benefits stopped in October 2023, and now SSDI wants repayment of \$25,967.00. David Brown asked how much they would like abated. The Shaw's didn't have answer because they were unsure what they could ask for. They stated anything would help. Dennis Smith asked if they were on a payment plan with the delinquent tax collector. They said they were not but would enter into one.

With no further discussion Chairman Oddy informed Mr. & Mrs. Shaw that he would be notified by mail of the board's decision.

On a motion by Frank Empsall, seconded by Dennis Smith the board entered a deliberative session.

On a motion by Stephanie Churchill, seconded by Diane Holmes the board exited deliberative session.

On a motion by Frank Empsall, seconded by Dennis Smith the board approved to abate 2022 taxes, penalty & interest \$1769.07, and 2023 penalty & interest of \$208.17 for a total amount \$1977.24 based on the ability to not pay. They also ask that the Shaw's setup a payment plan with the Delinquent tax collector for the remaining amount of property taxes.

On a motion by Frank Empsall seconded by Stephanie Churchill the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes written by: Stacy Jewell 

Minutes approved by: Kevin Oddy 