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COOK COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW

SPECIAL MEETING

118 NORTH CLARK STREET

Sixth Floor Hearing Room

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60602

Monday, September 11, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. Central

SPECIAL MEETING before COMMISSIONER GEORGE A.

CARDENAS, upon meeting of the above-entitled cause taken at the Cook County Board of Review, 118 North Clark Street, Room 601, held on the 11th day of September, 2023, at the hour of 11:00 a.m.

APPEARANCES:

MR. GEORGE A. CARDENAS, Commissioner

MS. SAMANTHA STEELE, Commissioner

MR. LARRY ROGERS, JR., Commissioner

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P R O C E E D I N G S

CHAIRMAN CARDENAS: Good morning. I would like to call a special meeting with Cook County Board of Review to order.

Our court reporter is joining us remotely. Can she confirm she is remote?

THE REPORTER: Yes, I am here.

CHAIRMAN CARDENAS: Thank you. Can the secretary please call the role.

SECRETARY ESCARPITA: Sure.

Commissioner Steele?

COMMISSIONER STEELE: Present.

SECRETARY ESCARPITA: Commissioner Rogers?

COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Present. Here.

SECRETARY ESCARPITA: Chairman Cardenas?

CHAIRMAN CARDENAS: Present.

SECRETARY ESCARPITA: Chairman, you have the floor.

CHAIRMAN CARDENAS: Let the record reflect that all commissioners are present.

We will now proceed with the pledge of Allegiance.

Before we all stand, I'd like to take a moment and honor 9-11, because today is obviously 9-11. We'll stand and -- well, how about a minute -- a moment of silence.

(Moment of silence)

CHAIRMAN CARDENAS: Thank you. We'll now stand, do

1 the Pledge of Allegiance.

2 Mr. Rogers, would you lead?

3 (Pledge of Allegiance)

4 CHAIRMAN CARDENAS: Okay. Public comment is next  
5 on the agenda.

6 Our first public speaker that signed up to speak is  
7 Mr. Todd Fieldman.

8 Is Mr. Fieldman in the building?

9 Is he sitting next to you?

10 Okay. Mr. Fieldman is not present. Let the record  
11 reflect that no one is present, and there is no one else  
12 signed up to speak.

13 Knowing that there's no one else to comment, this  
14 concludes our public comment period.

15 We have one motion on the table, and that is the  
16 approval of the minutes of the August 24, 2023, special  
17 public meeting.

18 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: I move to approve the minutes  
19 of the August 24th, 2023, special public meeting.

20 CHAIRMAN CARDENAS: Commissioner Rogers moves to  
21 approve -- to approve -- request a special -- I mean the  
22 agenda, I'm sorry, and the minutes of the agenda from the  
23 2024 -- 2023 special meeting.

24 COMMISSIONER STEELE: Chairman, I motion to correct  
25 Page 11, Line 24, should include "should be fee simple" from

1 the minutes.

2 CHAIRMAN CARDENAS: Okay. Commissioner Steele  
3 motions to correct Page 11, Line 24.

4 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: I second that motion.

5 CHAIRMAN CARDENAS: I join in that motion. The  
6 last portion should include "should be fee simple."

7 Madam Secretary, can you assure that it is  
8 reflected on the record?

9 SECRETARY ESCARPITA: Yes.

10 CHAIRMAN CARDENAS: All in favor?

11 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

12 COMMISSIONER STEELE: Aye.

13 CHAIRMAN CARDENAS: All right. And the ayes --  
14 ayes have it. The motion is approved.

15 The next item on the agenda is the closing of the  
16 2022 Tax Appeal Session.

17 Is there a motion to close the 2022 Tax Appeal  
18 Session?

19 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: I move the Cook County Board  
20 of Review completed its adjudication of all timely-submitted  
21 valuation appeals for the 38th Cook County Township  
22 Attorney's review of the 2022 taxpayer assessment roll, have  
23 completed all the matters required under the Illinois  
24 Property Tax Code.

25 I therefore move that the Cook County Board of

1 Review close the session for the review of valuations in  
2 regards to the 2022 Tax Appeal Session.

3 CHAIRMAN CARDENAS: Okay. Is the motion seconded?

4 COMMISSIONER STEELE: I second it.

5 CHAIRMAN CARDENAS: Ms. Steele seconds the motion.  
6 All verify by saying "aye."

7 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

8 COMMISSIONER STEELE: Aye.

9 CHAIRMAN CARDENAS: All right. Motion passes.  
10 Before adjourning, I'd like to report the Cook  
11 County Board of Review is opening its 2023 Tax Appeal  
12 Session.

13 The following townships are open for appeal  
14 beginning today, September 11th, to October 10th:  
15 Barrington, Calumet, Norwood Park, Oak Park, and Riverside.  
16 So, from September 11th to October 10th, these townships will  
17 begin their appeals.

18 On September 18th, the following towns are set to  
19 open: Berwyn, Cicero, Hanover, River Forest, and Rogers  
20 Park.

21 Additionally, all the county townships are open for  
22 pre-file, so please contact our office. Our staff is  
23 available and prepared to assist all taxpayers.

24 Any further comments from the commissioners?

25 COMMISSIONER ROGERS: No, I'd just like to commend

1 the work of the review staff, including the full staff and  
2 all respective commissioners' staff for their hard work and  
3 getting their work done timely and efficiently. Thank you  
4 for the hard work of the analysts and everyone involved. We  
5 cannot be successful without them. Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN CARDENAS: Thank you.

7 Commissioner Steele?

8 COMMISSIONER STEELE: No. Thank you.

9 CHAIRMAN CARDENAS: I do second and join Mr. Rogers  
10 in thanking the board, the staff, the analysts, also the  
11 clerk staff for, you know, processing all the appeals  
12 written.

13 As you know, we try to at least acknowledge and  
14 improve and be more efficient, but there's still a segment of  
15 the constituency that relate to people and feels more  
16 comfortable doing that. They may have -- just because  
17 they're used to it, they have proof of that.

18 And also the rest of the staff. I think the  
19 secretary, we had a tumultuous year from the beginning when  
20 we started December 5th to now completing it and ensuring  
21 that we would cut the time to get the bills out on time. We  
22 have now also counsel.

23 I want to thank all the chiefs for being  
24 instrumental in guiding the schedule, in guiding everyone,  
25 you know, to fulfill the mission and complete our goal of

1           doing it as expeditiously, as soon as possible, as we were  
2           requested to do, and I hope that this year we are going to be  
3           on time. The bills should be a regular schedule. But we'll  
4           also need the same effort as you guys have put in last year.  
5           And I know you do it every year, so please thank you for  
6           that, and let's continue to do that.

7                        So being that there is no additional business  
8           before the board, I would entertain a motion for adjournment  
9           at this point.

10                      COMMISSIONER ROGERS: I move for the adjournment of  
11           this meeting of the Board of Review appeal session for the  
12           purpose of adjudication of appeals and other matters that are  
13           required by the Illinois Property Tax Code.

14                      CHAIRMAN CARDENAS: Mr. Rogers moves to adjourn.

15                      Do I hear a second?

16                      COMMISSIONER STEELE: Second.

17                      CHAIRMAN CARDENAS: Commissioner Steele seconds the  
18           motion. I join in that motion as well.

19                      All in favor, indicate by saying "aye."

20                      COMMISSIONER ROGERS: Aye.

21                      COMMISSIONER STEELE: Aye.

22                      CHAIRMAN CARDENAS: The ayes carry. The ayes have  
23           it. The motion passes. This meeting is adjourned. Thank  
24           you all for attending.

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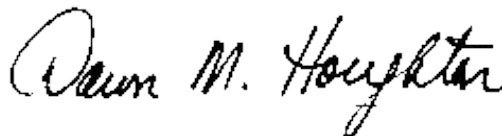
adjourned at 11:07 a.m.)

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5 foregoing was reported by stenographic and mechanical means,  
6 which matter was held on the date, and at the time and place  
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9 I further certify that I am not related to any of  
10 the parties, nor am I an employee of or related to any of the  
11 attorneys representing the parties, and I have no financial  
12 interest in the outcome of this matter.

13 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I do hereunto set my hand in  
14 Belmont, Michigan, this 22nd day of September, 2023.

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