

April 28, 2012 Board of Review & Open Book

Notice of Board of Review and Open Book For the Town of Fox Lake

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Review for the Town of Fox Lake shall hold its first meeting on Monday, May 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, W10543 County Road F, Fox Lake. However, since the Assessment Roll has not been completed the Board will adjourn until Thursday, September 6, 2012 and will be in session on that date from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that the completed assessment roll for the Town of Fox Lake will be open for inspection at the Town Hall on the following dates, OPEN BOOK, Wednesday, August 15, 2012 and Thursday, August 16, 2012 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

FURTHER BE ADVISED that the Assessor for the Town of Fox Lake will be present at the time and place designated above as "OPEN BOOK". Please contact the Assessor's office at 1-800-770-3927 for an appointment to meet with the Assessor at the "OPEN BOOK" to discuss any concerns you may have regarding your property assessment. THIS SHOULD BE YOUR "FIRST STEP" IN RESOLVING ANY DISPUTED ASSESSMENT, YOU MAY FIND THAT IT WILL NOT BE NECESSARY TO FILE OBJECTION FORMS TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF REVIEW. Instructional materials will be available at that time.

Please be advised of the following requirements to appear before the Board of Review and procedural requirements if appearing before the Board:

No person shall be allowed to appear before the Board of Review, to testify to the Board by telephone or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the Assessor to view such property.

After the first meeting of the Board of Review and before the Board's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the Board of Review may contact, or provide information to, a member of the Board about the person's objection except at a session of the Board.

No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the Board by telephone or contest the amount of assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the Board or at least 48 hours before the

objection is heard if the objection is allowed because the person has been granted a waiver of the 48-hour notice of an intent to file a written objection by appearing before the Board during the first two hours of the meeting and showing good cause for failure to meet the 48-hour notice requirement and files a written objection, that the person provides to the Clerk of the Board of Review notice as to whether the person will ask for removal of any Board members and, if so, which member will be removed and the person's reasonable estimate of the length of time that the hearing will take.

When appearing before the Board, the person shall specify, in writing, the person's estimate of the value of the land and of the improvements that are the subject of the person's objection and specify the information that the person used to arrive at that estimate.

No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the Board by telephone or subject or object to a valuation; if that valuation was made by the Assessor or the Objector using the income method; unless the person supplies the Assessor all of the information about income and expenses, as specified in the manual under Sec 73.03(2a), that the Assessor requests. The Town of Fox Lake has an ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses that is provided to the Assessor under this paragraph which provides exemptions for persons using information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or of the duties of their office or by order of a court. The information that is provided under this paragraph, unless a court determined that it is inaccurate, is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under Section 19.35 (1) of Wis. Statutes.

The Board shall hear upon oath, by telephone, all ill or disabled persons who present to the Board a letter from a physician, surgeon or osteopath that confirms their illness or disability. No other persons may testify by telephone.

PLEASE CALL 920-928-3573 TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT FOR BOARD OF REVIEW.

Notice is hereby given this
28th day of April, 2012 by
Edwin W. Benter, Clerk/Treasurer