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Minutes of the
Property Tax Appeal Board Meeting
Held on February 9, 2010
Des Plaines, Illinois

- 1. ROLL CALL:** Present: Donald Crist, Chairman; Kevin Freeman; Mauro Glorioso

Attended by phone: Michael Goral

Absent: Walter Gorski

STAFF: Present: Louis Apostol, JD, CAE, Executive Director;
Eileen Castrovillari

Attended by phone: Steve Waggoner, JD, Chief Hearing Officer

Chairman Crist convened the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Mr. Freeman moved to allow Mr. Goral to participate via conference phone. Mr. Glorioso seconded the motion and it carried 3-0.

- 2. Approval of the Board Minutes for the January 12, 2010 Meeting:**

Mr. Freeman moved to accept the January minutes. Mr. Glorioso seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

- 3. Executive Director Report:**

Mr. Apostol distributed a copy of the PTAB 2009 Annual Report and gave a brief overview of the highlights contained within the report.

Mr. Apostol updated the Board on the FY2010 Budget. He reported PTAB is slated to be transferred to the General Revenue Fund, even though SB1912 states it is to be funded from the Personal Property Tax Replacement Fund. Chairman Crist and Mr. Apostol will work with the Office of Management & Budget to clarify the actual funding source. Mr. Apostol informed the Board legislative action would be required to transfer PTAB to the General Revenue Fund.

Mr. Apostol reported that AFSCME introduced a voluntary furlough program to its

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Michael J. (Mickey) Goral
Rockford

Kevin L. Freeman
Chicago

Walter R. Gorski
Edwardsville

Mauro Glorioso
Westchester

members. Non-union state employees must take 12 furlough days during this fiscal year.

PTAB's temporary clerical workers ended their assignment in January. Five 75 day workers have been hired. Barry Woods & Martha Bedford (Hearing Officers) will draft residential class one decisions. Sandra Fagg, Sandy Bayless and Cheryl Bent (Clerical Staff) will assist with the processing of the voluminous caseload.

Laurie Breen See has retired effective February 1, 2010. Steve Rulison, one of the two IT staff, has announced his plans to retire on October 1st. With the retirement of Laurie Breen See, the Des Plaines Hearing Officer staff has been reduced by 50% in less than two years. Mr. Apostol stressed the importance of recruiting new staff that are critical to operations and service to the public.

Mr. Apostol presented the Board with a Hearing Officer Report that compared the number of decisions drafted by each of the Hearing Officers during the past 2 years. He noted closed appeals are up by approximately 13% from 2008. This is remarkable due to current staffing vacancies. He also noted that new appeals are up significantly from 2009.

Chairman Crist advised the Board that he met with Richard Alsop, the new Capitol Architect, regarding PTAB's desperate need for additional space. The Capitol Architect is exploring several options at this time and will work with PTAB's Executive Director to resolve the problem.

Mr. Apostol informed the Board that all Governor's Citizen Action Complaints and FOIA Requests have been reviewed and responded to in a timely manner.

Mr. Freeman moved to accept the Executive Director's Report. Mr. Goral seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

4. Discussion of Motions:

- a.) Aimee Reissenweber: #08-00366-R-1 (Lake)
- Lawrence Greenfield: #08-00367-R-1 (Lake)
- Sue Eisenburg: #08-00368-R-1 (Lake)
- Lorraine Maloy: #08-00369-R-1 (Lake)
- Dennis Owczarski: #08-00370-R-1 (Lake)
- Lisa Marsek: #08-00371-R-1 (Lake)
- Steven Detlaff: #08-00372-R-1 (Lake)
- P. Langhof: #08-00374-R-1 (Lake)

Mr. Freeman moved to grant the appellants a final 60 day extension. Chairman Crist seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

- b.) Dessie Lee Walls: #07-06314-R-1 (St. Clair)
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Mr. Freeman moved to grant the appellant a final 60 day extension. Chairman Crist seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

- c.) Douglas Brown: #08-00246-R-1 (Lake)

Mr. Freeman moved to grant the appellant a final 60 day extension. Chairman Crist seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

- d.) Deloitte PTS Bolingbrook Investors: #08-00211-C-1 (Will)
Georgia Les: #08-00214-C-1 (Will)

Mr. Freeman moved to grant the appellants a final 60 day extension. Chairman Crist seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

- e.) Amcore Bank NA: #08-01775-C-3 (Winnebago)
De Vi Development: #08-01779-C-3 (Winnebago)

Mr. Freeman moved to grant the appellants a final 60 day extension. Chairman Crist seconded the motion and it carried 3-0 with Mr. Goral recusing.

- f.) Renaissance Crossing: #08-00231-C-1 (Will)

Mr. Freeman moved to grant the appellant a final 60 day extension. Chairman Crist seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

- g.) Thomas Weaver: #06-31768-C-1 (Cook – Oak Park)

Mr. Freeman moved to grant the appellant a final 60 day extension. Chairman Crist seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

- h.) Peter Skarzynski: #08-22803-R-2 (Cook – New Trier)

Mr. Goral moved to grant the appellant a final 45 day extension. Mr. Glorioso seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

- i.) Keyth Technologies: #08-01295-C-1 (Lake)

Mr. Goral moved to grant the appellant a final 45 day extension. Mr. Glorioso seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

- j.) LaSalle Bank NA TR#117021-07: 08-01337-C-3 (Kane)

Mr. Freeman moved to grant the appellant a final 60 day extension. Mr. Glorioso seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

- k.) Minooka Comm HSD 111 & 201: #08-00841-I-3 (Grundy)

Mr. Glorioso moved to grant the appellant a 90 day extension. Mr. Freeman seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

- l.) Daniel Baker: #08-00358-R-1 (Champaign)

Mr. Freeman moved to grant the Champaign County Board of Review a final 60 day extension. Mr. Goral seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

- m.) James McNellis: 08-00044-R-1 (Vermilion)

Mr. Freeman moved to grant the Vermilion County Board of Review a final 60 day extension. Mr. Goral seconded the motion and it carried 3-0 with Chairman Crist recusing.

- n.) Kenneth & Cathy Mumford: #08-04551-R-1 (Vermilion)

Mr. Freeman moved to grant the Vermilion County Board of Review a final 60 day extension. Mr. Goral seconded the motion and it carried 3-0 with Chairman Crist recusing.

- o.) Southtowne Condominium Association: 08-01353-R-2 (Boone)
Countryside Condominium Assoc.: #08-01354-R-2 (Boone)

Mr. Freeman moved to grant the Boone County Board of Review a final 60 day extension. Mr. Goral seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

- p.) Towne Center LLC: #08-01349-C-2 (Kane)
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Cayco Construction, Inc.: #08-01687-R-2 (Kane)
Hasan Mohajir: #08-01688-R-1 (Kane)

Mr. Freeman moved to grant the Kane County Board of Review a final 90 day extension. Mr. Glorioso seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

- q.) South Suburban, LLC: #07-30109-I-2 (Cook – Bloom)

Mr. Freeman moved to grant intervenor, S.D. #169 a final 90 day extension. Mr. Glorioso seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

- r.) Preston Industries, Inc.: #07-25659-I-2 (Cook – Niles)

Mr. Glorioso moved to grant intervenors, S.D. #219 and S.D. #71 a final 30 day extension. Mr. Freeman seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

- s.) Sears Roebuck & Company: #07-27128-C-3 (Cook – Leyden)

Mr. Glorioso moved to grant intervenor, Leyden H.S.D. #212 a final 30 day extension. Mr. Freeman seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

- t.) SBC Ameritech: #07-27131-C-3 (Cook – Barrington)

Mr. Freeman moved to grant intervenor, Barrington CUSD #220 a final 45 day extension. Mr. Goral seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

- u.) Carson Pirie Scott & Company: #07-27656-C-3 (Cook – Worth)

Mr. Freeman moved to grant intervenor, Ridgeland S.D. #122 a final 45 day extension. Mr. Goral seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

- v.) Braz Trans.: #07-26965-C-3 (Cook – Hyde Park)

The University of Chicago Medical Center: #07-27106-C-3 (Cook – Hyde Park)
Acme Steel Company: #07-27255-I-3 (Cook – Hyde Park)

Mr. Glorioso moved to grant intervenor, Chicago Board of Education a final 30 day extension. Chairman Crist seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

- w.) Estate of Robert Contor: #07-24980-R-3 (Cook – New Trier)

Mr. Freeman moved to grant intervenors, Avoca S.D. #37, New Trier Township H.S.D. #203 and Village of Wilmette a final 90 day extension. Mr. Goral seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

- x.) Ronald B. Shipka, Jr.: #07-26843-R-2 (Cook – New Trier)

Mr. Freeman moved to grant intervenor, Avoca S.D. #37 a final 90 day extension. Mr. Goral seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

- y.) Harris Trust & Savings Bank: #07-26966-C-2 (Cook – Schaumburg)
Sam Shah: #07-27191-C-2 (Cook – Schaumburg)

Mr. Freeman moved to deny intervenors, Palatine Township H.S.D. #211 and Schaumburg CCSD #54's request for a further extension. Chairman Crist seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

- z.) Grossprops Realty & Investment Assoc.: #07-26959-C-2 (Cook – Niles)

Mr. Freeman moved to deny intervenor, Niles Township H.S.D. #219's request for a further extension. Chairman Crist seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

- aa.) Pesche's Inc.: 07-21483-C-3 (Cook – Maine)

Mr. Freeman moved to grant intervenors, Maine Township H.S.D. #207 and Des Plaines S.D. #62 a final 30 day extension. Chairman Crist seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

- bb.) Newlywed Foods, Inc.: #07-24226-I-3 (Cook – Jefferson)

Mr. Freeman moved to grant intervenor, Chicago Board of Education a final 30 day extension. Chairman Crist seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

- cc.) Cedant Car Rental Group, Inc.: #07-26634-C-3 (Cook – Jefferson)
Patricia Schoenberg: #07-26695-I-2 (Cook – Jefferson)
Data Center-ABN Services Company: #07-26271-C-3 (Cook – Jefferson)

Mr. Freeman moved to grant intervenor, Chicago Board of Education a final 30 day extension. Chairman Crist seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

- dd.) U-Stor-It: 07-26718-C-3 (Cook – Hyde Park)
Commonwealth Edison Company: #07-26719-I-3 (Cook – Hyde Park)

Mr. Freeman moved to grant intervenor, Chicago Board of Education a final 30 day extension. Chairman Crist seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

- ee.) Steve & Becky Billman: 08-02329-R-1 (Champaign)

Chairman Crist moved to deny appellant's request for reinstatement. Mr. Goral seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

ff.) Commonwealth Edison Motion to Suspend any Evidentiary Filing Deadlines.

Mr. Glorioso moved to grant the Joint Motion to Stay proceedings. Mr. Freeman seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

5. Attachments:

See attachments for listing of additional decisions to be reviewed, discussed and/or decided by the Board.

As to Attachment A, Mr. Glorioso moved to accept the attachment and Mr. Goral seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0 with the exception of Mr. Freeman recusing on items 293 and 294.

As to Attachment B, Mr. Glorioso moved to accept the attachment and Chairman Crist seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

As to Attachment C, Mr. Freeman moved to accept the attachment and Mr. Glorioso seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

As to Attachment D, Mr. Goral moved to accept the attachment and Mr. Glorioso seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0 with Mr. Freeman recusing.

As to Attachment E, Mr. Freeman moved to accept the attachment and Chairman Crist seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0 with Mr. Glorioso recusing.

As to Attachment Z, Mr. Freeman moved to accept the attachment and Chairman Crist seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Goral moved to accept the Workload Report. Mr. Glorioso seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

6. Other Business:

Mr. Apostol reminded the Board of the importance of replacing staff to continue acceptable operational levels and to fulfill its mission to "resolve appeals in a timely fashion."

7. Adjournment:

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Mr. Freeman moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 a.m. and Mr. Glorioso seconded the motion. This motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully yours,

Louis G. Apostol, JD, CAE
Executive Director

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