**March 24, 2021**

**TOWN OF LUCAS**

**NOTICE OF OPEN BOOK**

**AND BOARD OF REVIEW**

**Open Book- Wednesday April 14th, 2021 4:30 p.m.—6:30 p.m.**

**Board of Review-Thursday May 6th, 2021 6:00 p.m.—8:00 p.m.**

Pursuant to s.70.45 Wis Stats., the Town of Lucas assessment roll for the year 2021 assessment will be open for examination on the 14th day of April, 2021 at the Lucas Town Hall from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Instruction material about the assessment, on how to file an objection and the board of review procedures under Wisconsin law will be available at that time.

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that the Board of Review for the Town of Lucas, Dunn County, Wisconsin, shall hold its meeting on the 6th day of May 2021 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Lucas Town Hall.

Please be advised of the following 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 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 the 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.

The board of review may not hear an objection to the amount or value of property unless, at least 48 hours before the board’s first scheduled meeting, the objector provides the board’s clerk written or oral notice of an intent to file an objection, except that upon showing of good cause and submission of a written objection, the board shall waive that requirement during the first 2 hours of the board’s first scheduled meeting, and the board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days with proof of extraordinary circumstances for failure to meet the 48-hour notice requirement and failure to appear before the board of review during the first 2 hours of the first scheduled meeting.

Objections to the amount or valuation of property shall first be made in writing and filed with the clerk of the board of review within the first 2 hours of the boards first scheduled meeting, except that, upon evidence of extraordinary circumstances, the board may waive the requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days. The board may require such objections to be submitted on forms approved by the department of revenue, and the board shall require that any forms included stated valuations of the property in question. Persons who own land and improvement to that land my object to the aggregate valuation of that land and improvements to that land, but no one who owns land and improvements to that land may object only to the valuation of that land or only the valuation of improvements to that land. No person shall be allowed in any action or proceedings to questions the amount or valuation of property unless the written objection has be filed and that person in good faith presented evidence to the board in support of the objection s and made full disclosure before the board, under oath of all that person’s property liable to assessment in the district and the value of that property. The requirement that objection be in writing may be waived by express action of the board.

When appearing before the board of review, the objecting person shall specify in writing, the person’s estimate of the value of 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, or by telephone, or object to a valuation if that valuation was made by the assessor or the objector using the income method of valuation, unless the person supplies the assessor all the information about the income and expense, as specified in the assessor’s manual under s 73.02 (2a), Wis Stats., that the assessor requests. The Town of Lucas has an ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses that is provided to the assessor under this paragraph, which provides exceptions for person using information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or the duties of their officer 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 s.1935 (2), Wis., Stats.

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

Stacey Simonson, Clerk

Town of Lucas

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