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**MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF REVIEW  
Wednesday, May 13, 2009 – Council Chambers**

PRESENT: Mr. Benz, Mr. Schilling, Mr. Rice

ALSO PRESENT: C. Ledesma, City Clerk; S. Miner, City Assessor; R. Lenski, Dep. City Assessor

Ms. Ledesma called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

**Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair**

Ms. Ledesma asked for nominations for Chair.

Moved by Mr. Benz, seconded by Mr. Rice to nominate Tom Schilling as Chair. Vote on the motion was Ayes: 2, Noes: 0, Abstain: 1 (Schilling)

Mr. Schilling took over as Chair.

Mr. Schilling asked for nominations for Vice Chair.

Moved by Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Benz to nominate Mr. Benz as Vice Chair. Vote on the motion was Ayes: 3, Noes: 0

**Member training as required by Wisconsin Statutes 70.46(4)**

Ms. Ledesma verified that two board members attended the Board of Review Training last year so the board is covered for training requirements this year. They are Mr. Benz, and Mr. Schilling. Mr. Benz commented that the training they attended covered everything that is already being done in the Wauwatosa Assessor's Office. He felt that the City Assessor and his staff were doing an outstanding job.

**Set future meeting dates to hear objections**

It was the consensus of the board that the initial hearing date would be Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. The board would like to hear cases on Thursday and if necessary complete the hearing process on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. If there are any cases that are more complicated they would like to be given time to prepare.

**Status report concerning potential and/or actual objections**

Mr. Miner and Mr. Lenski reported that there were a handful of commercial properties that were unresolved. They follow the hierarchy and market evidence when making their determinations. They are also creating spreadsheets of comparables as opposed to the income approach.

They commented that the process of changing software would be ready early next year. The software will show the adjustments. The current software doesn't have that capability.

They are well beyond their last valuation and they have incorporated a process of inspecting recent sales. There have been quite a few property tax exemptions. They have a handle on what the properties sold for and they estimate the ratio to be approximately 100%.

**Notices of intent to file objection**

Ms. Ledesma reported that she had heard of one notice of intent for 7123 Auburn Avenue.

The meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

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