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**Minutes of Meeting February 22, 2016**

The meeting began at 5:30 P.M. In attendance were:

George Sessa, Chairman  
Ralph Loglisci  
Sue Greene, Clerk

Raymond W. Leyden  
Michael Buccino  
Bashir Jessa, Deputy Assessor

Chairman Sessa stated that in compliance with the Mayor's policy of recording Board and Commission meetings we will hold all hearings in the Tax & Assessment Lobby area where the proceedings can be recorded. Even though it has not yet been mandated for this board.

He reminded everyone that in order to avoid a conflict of interest, if you know the party appealing, hand it off to another Board member. He also reiterated that it is the property owner's responsibility to provide evidence to support their appeal.

Sue Greene then stated that we have received sixty-five (65) applications and supplied a breakdown of residential, commercial, personal property and motor vehicle. She noted that many of the Personal Property appeals were attempting to appeal the late file penalty. A discussion ensued regarding whether or not to hear the commercial properties valued at greater than one million. A vote was taken and it was decided by unanimous decision to hear them.

Mr. Sessa then stated that Shawn Costello's term had expired in December and that he stated he was not returning, but refused to submit a formal letter or resignation. He reminded Bill Leyden that his term had also expired and asked if he wished to continue. Bill responded in the affirmative so George reminded him to contact the nomination chairperson for the RTC. Mr. Sessa also stated that he has had numerous discussions with Marty Levine who is in charge of submitting the names to the Board of Representatives for nomination with no results to date to see about having Shawn replaced.

Deputy Assessor Bill Jessa then gave an overview of the Assessor Field Cards to refresh everyone as to what they are reviewing when hearing an appeal.

Mrs. Greene raised the point that one application came in after the filing deadline of February 20, 2016 and asked the boards response. It was unanimously agreed that no late filers would be heard.

The meeting closed at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Greene".