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Stone Canyon Industries Holdings,
Petitioner,

MICHIGAN TAX TRIBUNAL

v

MOAHR Docket. No.
21-001545-R

City of Melvindale,
Respondent.

Presiding Judge
Patricia L. Halm

SUMMARY OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE

SCHEDULING ORDER

NOTICE OF VIDEO CONFERENCE HEARING

A Prehearing Conference on this matter was held on December 19, 2022. Darius Dynkowski, attorney, appeared on behalf of Petitioner. Seth O'Loughlin, attorney, appeared on behalf of Respondent. A scheduling order has been established and a video conference hearing, held via Microsoft Teams, has been set for:

HEARING DATE:	April 27, 2023
HEARING TIME:	9:00 a.m.
TEAMS HEARING LINK:	Download Teams Join on the web Or call in (audio only) +1 248-509-0316,,508304955# United States, Pontiac
PARTICIPANTS' GUIDE:	https://bit.ly/34fBXnN

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PREHEARING CONFERENCE SUMMARY

I. SHOW CAUSE HEARING:

- A. The Prehearing Conference commenced as a Show Cause Hearing given Petitioner's failure to file and exchange its valuation disclosure and Prehearing Statement, as required by the Tribunal.

The Tribunal notes that Petitioner submitted a Prehearing Statement and valuation disclosure for Parcel No. 82-47-002-99-**0001-801**. However, Parcel No. 82-47-002-99-**0001-801** is not under appeal in this case. Instead, Parcel No. 82-47-004-99-**0010-000** is the property at issue in this case.

The Tribunal further notes that Parcel No. 82-47-002-99-0001-801 was under appeal in MTT Docket No. 21-001525. MTT Docket No. 21-001525 was dismissed on June 15, 2021, because Petitioner appealed the property's classification and the Tribunal lacks jurisdiction over classification appeals. Therefore, there is no pending appeal for Parcel No. 82-47-002-99-**0001-801**.

- B. Petitioner did not show good cause to offer the valuation disclosure submitted into evidence as it does not pertain to the property under appeal.
- C. Petitioner did not show good cause to offer its valuation witnesses to testify.
- D. Because Petitioner failed to submit evidence of the subject property's value as provided in the Tribunal's March 1, 2022 Prehearing General Call, Petitioner will be precluded from submitting evidence of the subject property's value at the hearing in this matter. Petitioner will also be precluded from calling witnesses to testify as to the subject property's value. However, Petitioner will be permitted to cross-examine Respondent's witnesses, to call rebuttal witnesses, and to submit rebuttal evidence.

II. VALUATION INFORMATION:

- A. The true cash value (TCV), assessed value (AV), and taxable value (TV) for each parcel and tax year at issue as established by the Board of Review:

Parcel Number: 82-47-004-99-0010-000

Year	TCV	AV	TV
2021	\$541,000	\$270,500	\$270,500

- B. The parties' contentions of TCV, state equalized value (SEV), and TV for each parcel and tax year at issue:

Parcel Number: 82-47-004-99-0010-000

	Petitioner			Respondent		
Year	TCV	SEV	TV	TCV	SEV	TV
2021	NAV	NAV	NAV	\$541,000	\$270,500	\$270,500

C. Amounts in dispute for the tax years at issue:

Parcel Number: 82-47-004-99-0010-000

Year	SEV	TV
2021	NAV	NAV

II. TAX INFORMATION:

The property's taxes have been paid for the tax year at issue.

III. FACTUAL STATEMENT OF CLAIMS:

A. Classification of property:

Parcel Number	Classification
82-47-004-99-0010-000	Industrial - Vacant

B. Highest and best use (H&BU) for the tax years at issue:

Tax Year	H&BU
2021	unknown

C. The property's TCV and TV are at issue for each tax year under appeal.

D. Petitioner's claims or counterclaims: Per the Petition, Petitioner claims that the subject property's assessment exceeds that permitted by Michigan's Constitution and applicable statutes.

E. Respondent's claims or counterclaims: Respondent contends that it lawfully and uniformly assessed the subject property.

IV. PENDING MOTIONS OR DISCOVERY:

A. Motions: None pending at this time. However, the Petition in this matter asserts that the subject property's **2020** assessments are at issue. During the Prehearing Conference, Petitioner explained that this was a typographical error. Given this, the Tribunal granted Petitioner until January 3, 2023, to submit a Motion to Amend the Petition, with appropriate fee, and an Amended Petition that will

reflect the 2021 tax year. Petitioner is also required to serve Respondent with a copy of these documents.

In addition, Petitioner was given until January 3, 2023, to submit a corrected Prehearing Statement as that document also listed 2020 as the tax year under appeal. This document shall also be served on Respondent.

B. Discovery: Discovery is closed unless otherwise stated below.

V. VIDEO CONFERENCE HEARING INFORMATION:

It has been determined that the above-captioned case shall be conducted via video conference.

A link to the **MOAHR MTT Guide for Participants for the Conducting of Entire Tribunal Hearings as Video Conference Proceedings** is provided above. Participants are encouraged to review this Guide prior to hearing and are **required** to comply with the requirements of the Guide, as said requirements will facilitate the conducting of the scheduled hearing.

SCHEDULING ORDER

- A. **January 3, 2023**, is the date by which Petitioner shall file and serve a Motion to Amend its Petition to correct the tax year at issue, an Amended Petition, and an Amended Prehearing Statement.
- B. **April 13, 2023**, is the final date for Respondent to submit its witness and exhibit lists **and** exhibits to the Tribunal by **e-filing or email** and the opposing party by **email**. The parties are not required to submit witness and exhibit lists for rebuttal witnesses and exhibits. For the exhibit list, Respondent **must use** the form prescribed by the Tribunal. The exhibit list and exhibits **shall be submitted** as provided in the **MOAHR MTT Guide for Participants**. An exhibit will **not** be admitted into evidence unless the exhibit is disclosed and furnished in accordance with this Order (even though admissible) **except** upon a finding of good cause by the Tribunal. The exhibits may be submitted separately or in a single document **provided** that the single document or PDF is **bookmarked** so that each exhibit can be easily accessed.
- D. **April 13, 2023**, is the final date for Petitioner to notify the Tribunal in writing of the name and telephone number of the court reporter retained by the parties to transcribe the hearing, as provided in the **MOAHR MTT Guide for Participants**.

Petitioner's failure to comply with this Order will result in the dismissal of the case.

By Patricia L. Haem

Date Entered: December 20, 2022

HEARING INFORMATION – PLEASE READ IMMEDIATELY

GENERAL INFORMATION: An impartial hearing will be conducted in accordance with the Michigan Administrative Hearing Rules (R 792.10101-R 792.11289) and the Michigan Administrative Procedures Act, MCL 24.201 *et seq.* The Michigan Rules of Evidence and the Michigan Court Rules may be applicable. A party is expected to exercise proper respect and courtesy toward other parties, witnesses, and administrative law judges, which includes attending the hearing on time, silencing cell phones, and dressing in appropriate clothing for in-person hearings.

REPRESENTATION: A party may be represented by an attorney or other authorized representative of the party's own choosing and at the party's own expense. The Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules does not recommend or appoint attorneys.

WITNESSES: Parties may present witnesses, if any, identified in the Prehearing Statements, to testify under oath or affirmation at the hearing, subject to cross-examination by the opposing party, and questions by the administrative law judge.

EXHIBITS: The parties shall submit exhibits pursuant to the Guide for Participants.

COURT REPORTER: The parties shall not only provide a court reporter to transcribe the hearing but shall also provide an electronic copy of the hearing transcript to the Tribunal by e-mailing it to taxtrib@michigan.gov. The costs attributable to the court reporter shall be shared equally by the parties. If the parties fail to pay the costs of the transcript to the court report prior to the submission of the transcript to the Tribunal, the court reporter may report this to the Tribunal with the submission of the transcript. As a result, the party or parties who failed to pay the costs associated with the transcript may be held in default.¹

WITHDRAWAL: If Petitioner no longer wants to continue with the appeal, Petitioner may submit a written request to withdraw the case. Respondent must concur with the withdrawal. The request must be submitted to the Tribunal and served on Respondent at least 14 days before the hearing. Respondent may file a concurrence or objection to the request within 7 days of the service of the request on that party. If Respondent does not timely submit a concurrence or objection to the request will be deemed to be a concurrence to the request. If the request is granted, the case will be dismissed. If a request is not granted or the Tribunal has not notified you that it has been granted, you are required to attend the hearing.

SETTLEMENT: Parties may submit a written agreement settling a case (i.e., stipulation). The stipulation must be on a form made available by the tribunal or shall be in a written form that is in substantial compliance with the tribunal's form and be signed by the parties' attorneys or authorized representatives, if they have attorneys or authorized representatives, or by the parties, if they do not have attorneys or authorized representatives. There is a \$50 fee for the filing of the stipulation. If the stipulation with appropriate filing fee is received by the Tribunal or the parties email a copy of the signed stipulation to the Tribunal by 4:30 p.m. on the business day immediately preceding the day of the scheduled hearing, the hearing may be adjourned. Parties that email a copy of a signed stipulation to the Tribunal for purposes of adjourning a hearing are also required to submit the original signed stipulation with appropriate filing fee. The

¹ See TTR 321.

stipulation, once submitted, will be reviewed and, if accepted, the Tribunal will issue a consent judgment.

FAILURE TO APPEAR: The failure of a party to timely appear or otherwise participate in a hearing will result in adjournment of the hearing and the holding of that party in default. The defaulted party will be given an opportunity to show good cause for the failure to appear. Failure to respond or show good cause may result in dismissal of the case or the conducting of a default hearing.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION: All hearings are conducted in a barrier-free location in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. An individual requiring reasonable accommodation for effective participation in a hearing, including accessible documentation such as braille, large print, electronic or audio reader, should contact the MOAHR by telephone at (517) 335-9760, or complete and submit an accommodation request form at https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Disability_Accommodation_FORM_v1_2_464017_7.d [oc](#) within five (5) days of receipt of the Notice of Hearing to ensure availability of accommodation.

Hearing participants and observing members of the public who need assistance with speech or hearing may also participate in a telephonic or virtual hearing by dialing 7-1-1 and using the Michigan Relay service. More information about this service may be found at https://www.michigan.gov/mpsc/0,9535,7-395-93308_93325_93425_94040_94041---,00.html.

PRIVACY OF INFORMATION: In order to conduct a comprehensive and fair hearing, a party's private or confidential information, such as health or financial information, may be disclosed to the Tribunal and other parties and their attorneys or representatives. The MOAHR will use the private information solely for purposes related to the hearings process. A party may file a motion to request that a public hearing be closed in part or file a motion for protective order to deem certain information private and confidential in order to afford that information special protection.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I certify that a copy of the foregoing was sent on the entry date indicated above to the parties or their attorneys or authorized representatives, if any, utilizing either the mailing or email addresses on file, as provide by those parties, attorneys, or authorized representatives.

By: Tribunal Clerk