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Kyriacula J Batsakes Trust,
Petitioner,

MICHIGAN TAX TRIBUNAL

v

MOAHR Docket No. 21-002798

City of Lincoln Park,
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 October 20, 2022. Norman Shinkle, attorney, appeared on behalf of Petitioner. Laura Hallahan, 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:	March 6, 2023, and March 7, 2023.
HEARING TIME:	9:00 a.m.
TEAMS HEARING LINK:	Click here to join the meeting Or call in (audio only) +1 248-509-0316,,722911564# United States, Pontiac
PARTICIPANTS' GUIDE:	https://bit.ly/34fBXnN

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PREHEARING CONFERENCE SUMMARY

I. SHOW CAUSE HEARING:

The Prehearing Conference commenced as a Show Cause Hearing given Petitioner's failure to file and exchange its Prehearing Statement, as required by the Tribunal's Notice of October 17-31, 2022 Prehearing General Call and Order of Procedure. During the Prehearing Conference, Petitioner explained that the two-page letter submitted with its valuation disclosure was its Prehearing Statement. However, this document does not contain the information required in a Prehearing Statement, such as Petitioner's contention of TCV and TV by parcel, and, importantly, Petitioner's witness list. When questioned, Petitioner indicated that it intended to call several witnesses during the hearing in this matter. However, given that Petitioner did not list these witnesses in a Prehearing Statement, thereby providing Respondent with an opportunity to depose these witnesses or issue discovery requests, the Tribunal finds that Petitioner shall only be permitted to call to testify its appraiser and the witnesses listed on Respondent's Prehearing Statement.

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 (BOR):

Parcel Number: 8245-001-04-0262-300

Year	TCV	AV	TV
2020	\$213,600 ¹	\$106,800	\$89,839
2021	\$239,600	\$119,800	\$91,096

Parcel Number: 8245-001-03-0093-000

Year	TCV	AV	TV
2020	\$230,000	\$115,000	\$82,585
2021	\$228,000	\$114,000	\$83,741

Parcel Number: 8245-001-03-0071-304

Year	TCV	AV	TV
2020	\$93,800	\$46,900	\$46,900
2021	\$89,600	\$44,800	\$44,800

¹ The 2020 BOR figures were obtained from BS&A Online.

Parcel Number: 8245-001-03-0071-302

Year	TCV	AV	TV
2020	\$331,600	\$165,800	\$106,872
2021	\$328,600	\$164,300	\$108,368

Parcel Number: 8245-001-02-0152-000

Year	TCV	AV	TV
2020	\$196,400	\$98,200	\$46,196
2021	\$192,200	\$96,100	\$46,842

Parcel Number: 8245-001-02-0151-000

Year	TCV	AV	TV
2020	\$278,800	\$139,400	\$108,024
2021	\$266,000	\$133,000	\$109,536

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

Parcel Number: 8245-001-04-0262-300

Year	Petitioner			Respondent		
	TCV	SEV	TV	TCV	SEV	TV
2020	\$213,600	\$106,800	\$86,639	²		
2021	\$156,768	\$78,384	\$78,384	\$239,600	\$119,800	\$91,096

Parcel Number: 8245-001-03-0093-000

Year	Petitioner			Respondent		
	TCV	SEV	TV	TCV	SEV	TV
2020	\$230,000	\$115,000	\$65,826			
2021	\$149,178	\$74,589	\$74,589 ³	\$230,000	\$115,000	\$83,741

² Respondent did not provide contentions of value for the 2020 tax year as it maintains that the Tribunal does not have jurisdiction over Petitioner's 2020 appeal.

³ The Tribunal notes that MCL 211.27a(2) limits the increase in TV to 5% or the rate of inflation, whichever is less. Given that the inflation rate multiplier for the 2021 tax year was 1.014, Petitioner's 2021 TV contention is incorrect.

Parcel Number: 8245-001-03-0071-304

	Petitioner			Respondent		
Year	TCV	SEV	TV	TCV	SEV	TV
2020	\$93,800	\$46,900	\$46,900			
2021	\$58,624	\$29,312	\$29,312	\$44,370	\$22,185	\$22,185

Parcel Number: 8245-001-03-0071-302

	Petitioner			Respondent		
Year	TCV	SEV	TV	TCV	SEV	TV
2020	\$331,600	\$165,800	\$37,110			
2021	\$214,999	\$107,500	\$107,500 ⁴	\$328,600	\$164,300	\$108,368

Parcel Number: 8245-001-02-0152-000

	Petitioner			Respondent		
Year	TCV	SEV	TV	TCV	SEV	TV
2020	\$196,400	\$98,200	\$2,796			
2021	\$125,754	\$62,877	\$62,877 ⁵	\$196,400	\$98,200	\$46,842

Parcel Number: 8245-001-02-0151-000

	Petitioner			Respondent		
Year	TCV	SEV	TV	TCV	SEV	TV
2020	\$278,800	\$139,400	\$3,824			
2021	\$174,041	\$87,020	\$87,020 ⁶	\$266,000	\$133,000	\$109,536

C. Amounts in dispute between Petitioner's contentions and the BOR's values for the tax years at issue:

Parcel Number: 8245-001-04-0262-300

Year	SEV	TV
2020	\$0	\$3,200
2021	\$41,416	\$12,712

Parcel Number: 8245-001-03-0093-000

Year	SEV	TV
2020	\$0	\$16,759
2021	\$39,411	\$9,152

⁴ See footnote 1.

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ *Id.*

Parcel Number: 8245-001-03-0071-304

Year	SEV	TV
2020	\$0	\$0
2021	\$15,488	\$15,488

Parcel Number: 8245-001-03-0071-302

Year	SEV	TV
2020	\$0	\$69,762
2021	\$56,800	\$868

Parcel Number: 8245-001-02-0152-000

Year	SEV	TV
2020	\$0	\$43,400
2021	\$33,223	-\$16,035

Parcel Number: 8245-001-02-0151-000

Year	SEV	TV
2020	\$0	\$104,200
2021	\$45,980	\$22,516

III. TAX INFORMATION:

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

IV. FACTUAL STATEMENT OF CLAIMS:

A. Classification of property:

Parcel Number	Classification
8245-001-04-0262-300	Commercial - Improved (office bldg.)
8245-001-03-0093-000	Commercial - Improved (light mfg)
8245-001-03-0071-304	Commercial - Improved (light mfg)
8245-001-03-0071-302	Commercial - Improved (light mfg)
8245-001-02-0152-000	Commercial - Improved (sheds)
8245-001-02-0151-000	Commercial - Improved

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

Tax Year	H&BU
2020	unknown
2021	unknown

C. The property's TV is at issue for the 2020 tax year.
The property's TCV and TV are at issue for the 2021 tax year.

- D. Petitioner's claims or counterclaims: "The first part of this appeal is a taxable value appeal for tax year 2020 and would continue to tax year 2021. Why were these properties not capped [from] tax year 2019 to 2020 and what is the justification for the uncapping? Why was a new parcel created with no assessment being removed from current parcels? The second part of this appeal is only an issue if the taxable value matter is decided [in] favor of Respondent."

In its Petition, Petitioner argued that MCL 211.53a may apply to some of the parcels. During the Prehearing Conference, Respondent argued that the 2020 TV of the omitted property was not properly calculated pursuant to MCL 211.34d(b)(i).

- E. Respondent's claims or counterclaims: "The Tribunal lacks jurisdiction to make a determination of the subject property's taxable value for the 2020 tax year as Petitioner's appeal relevant to the 2020 tax year is untimely pursuant to MCR 205.735. If Petitioner's appeal of the 2020 tax is not dismissed sua sponte, Respondent intends to file a Motion requesting said tax year be dismissed."

The Tribunal notes that on page 2 of Respondent's valuation disclosure, Respondent states that "[t]he parcels are NOT all contiguous." However, during the Prehearing Conference, Respondent stated that the parcels under appeal in this matter are, in fact, contiguous.

V. PENDING MOTIONS OR DISCOVERY:

- A. Motions: None pending at this time. However, as noted, Respondent may file a Motion to dismiss the 2020 tax year.
- B. Discovery: Discovery is closed unless otherwise stated below.

VI. 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

- I. **December 22, 2022**, is the date by which Motions for Summary Disposition shall be filed and served upon the opposing party.
- II. **January 19, 2023**, is the date by which a response to a Motion for Summary Disposition shall be filed and served.
- III. **February 21, 2023**, is the final date for the parties to submit their witness and exhibit lists **and** exhibits, with the exception of rebuttal witnesses and exhibits, to the Tribunal by **e-filing or email** and the opposing party or parties by **email**. For the exhibit list, the parties **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.
- IV. **February 21, 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**.

Failure to comply with this Order may result in the dismissal of the case, or a show cause or default hearing, as provided by TTR 231.⁷

Date Entered: October 24, 2022

By

Patricia L. Haem

⁷ See also MCL 205.732.

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.⁸

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

⁸ 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.

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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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