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# STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS MICHIGAN OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AND RULES SUZANNE SONNEBORN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

MARLON I. BROWN, DPA ACTING DIRECTOR

Jason Jedele,

Petitioner. MICHIGAN TAX TRIBUNAL

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MOAHR Docket No. 22-002482

Bridgewater Township, Respondent. Presiding Judge Joshua M. Wease

# SUMMARY OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE

# SCHEDULING ORDER

# **NOTICE OF HEARING**

A Prehearing Conference on this matter was held on November 20, 2023. Jason Jedele and Donna Tope appeared on behalf of Petitioner(s). Mary Selover-Rider appeared on behalf of Respondent(s). A scheduling order has been established and a hearing has been set for:

HEARING DATE:	February 12, 2024
HEARING TIME:	9:00 a.m.
HEARING LOCATION:	611 W. Ottawa, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, Lansing, Michigan 48933.

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# PREHEARING CONFERENCE SUMMARY

### I. 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: Q-17-11-200-010

Year	TCV	AV	TV
2022	\$1,759,400	\$879,700	\$856,277

B. The parties' contentions of TCV, state equalized value (SEV), and TV for each parcel and tax year at issue: ONLY PROVIDES 2021 FIGURES – NEED TO USE Tribunal Form

Parcel Number: Q-17-11-200-010

	Petitioner		Respondent			
Year	TCV	SEV	TV	TCV	SEV	TV
2022	\$1,055,427	\$527,713	\$527,713	\$1,759,400	\$879,700	\$856,277

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

Parcel Number: Q-17-11-200-010

Year	SEV	TV
2022	\$351,987	\$328,564

### II. TAX INFORMATION

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

# III. FACTUAL STATEMENT OF CLAIMS:

- A. Classification of property Q-17-11-200-010: Residential
- B. Highest and best use (H&BU) for the tax years at issue for Q-17-11-200-010: Residential
- C. The property's TCV and TV are at issue for each tax year under appeal.
- D. Petitioner's claims or counterclaims:

  The TCV, AV, and TV are incorrect for tax year 2022

- E. Respondent's claims or counterclaims:
  - A. Respondent has properly determined its contention of true cash value and taxable value of the subject property as supported by its disclosure. 2021 Headlee additions 343,600. 2022 Headlee additions 61,900 and Headlee losses 35,100. 2023 Headlee addition 90,100.
  - B. Classification of property:

2021 – Agricultural

2022 – Residential

2023 – Residential

- C. 2021 House and garage was completed. Headlee additions 343,600. 2022 Added Concrete drive and brick path base on Aerial as I was not allowed on the property, added cook top, separate shower, ceramic tile, 2 extra sinks, concrete screen porch. Changed property class from agricultural to residential as majority of the value of the property is now on the house. The board of review corrected well depth after I contacted Washtenaw County for the well report, which was not filed correctly, removed above garage storage, changed basement under the trophy room to crawl space as property owner state it was about 4' high. Headlee additions 61,900 and Headlee losses 35,100. 2023 Added pool, fire pit, concrete, fence Headlee addition 90,100.
- D. Michigan Tax Tribunal has no authority under Rule 792.10271(2) to hear dispute for 2021 as the owner did not appear before the board of review.
- E. Petitioner disputes the value of the property but is not using the 2022 Record Card but the 2021 Record Card. The changes were made by the Board of Review and the value was corrected as the 2022 Board of Review lowered the assessment 913,300 to 879,700 and Taxable Value from 892,535 to 856,727.
- F. The petitioner did not file Principal Residence Exemption until March 7, 2022. The mailing address for the property owner was not changed until February 16, 2022.
- G. The petitioner has been receiving an Agricultural Exemption since the property was purchase in 2016. An Agricultural Exemption has the same tax saving as a Principal Residence Exemption.

- H. Principal Residence Exemption was granted in 2022.
- I. Have not been granted access to the property and the Board of Review was denied access to verify the claims about the property for inaccuracies.
- J. The property address was not changed until February 16, 2022.

# IV. PENDING MOTIONS OR DISCOVERY:

### A. Motions:

- i. Respondent's Motion to Dismiss Tax Year 2021.
- ii. Petitioner's Motion to Compel Discovery filed on November 14, 2023, but missing filing fee.
- B. Discovery: Discovery is closed unless otherwise stated below.

### V. WITNESSES

- A. As provided by TTR 237, a person, other than a rebuttal witness, who is NOT identified as a witness in the prehearing statement, shall NOT be permitted to give testimony, unless, for good cause shown, the Tribunal permits the testimony to be taken.
- B. Witnesses will testify under oath or affirmation at the hearing, are subject to cross-examination by the opposing party, and to questions by the administrative law judge.

### SCHEDULING ORDER

I. January 29, 2024

is the final date to file and serve upon the opposing party(ies) and the Tribunal a final exhibit list and to furnish the opposing party(ies) with a copy of each exhibit. The parties must use the form prescribed by the Tribunal. 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.

II. February 5, 2024

is the 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.

Failure to comply with this Order will result in holding the non-complying party in default and may result in the dismissal of the case or the conducting of a show cause or default hearing, as provided by TTR 231.1 By John M. Wease

Date Entered: November 29, 2023

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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 792.11297) 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 inperson 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 bring two (2) copies of all proposed exhibits (i.e. file copy and Judge's copy) to the hearing. Each exhibit must display the docket number and exhibit number (i.e., P1, P2, R1, R2, etc.) in the upper right hand corner of the first page of each copy of each proposed exhibit. If an exhibit contains multiple pages, each page shall be numbered. The proposed exhibits must be separated into numerical order sets and indexed for easy reference.

**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 emailing 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.<sup>2</sup>

**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

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See TTR 231.

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 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 <a href="https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Disability\_Accommodation\_form\_for\_MOAHR\_Internet\_5-2.web\_654057\_7.pdf">https://www.michigan.gov/documents/lara/Disability\_Accommodation\_form\_for\_MOAHR\_Internet\_5-2.web\_654057\_7.pdf</a> 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 <a href="https://www.michigan.gov/mpsc/0,9535,7-395-93308">https://www.michigan.gov/mpsc/0,9535,7-395-93308</a> 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.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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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