



*City of Chicopee, Massachusetts*  
*Assessors' Office*

274 Front Street Chicopee, Ma. 01013  
(413) 594-1430

*Board of Assessors*  
*Laura McCarthy, Chairman*  
*Victor Michael Anop, Clerk*  
*Brian Suchy, Assessor*

April 29, 2020

Minutes of the Chicopee Board of Assessors April 29, 2020 meeting. Meeting called to order at 10:30 a.m.

Present: Victor Michael Anop and Brian Suchy

1. Motion by Assessor Suchy to accept the minutes of the April 22, 2020 meeting. Seconded by Assessor Anop. Voted unanimously.
2. Motion by Assessor Suchy to approve writing letter to Mass, DOR (Div. Local Services) under Mass. Gen. Laws Chapter 58, section 8 requesting to abate taxes, interests and costs on foreclosures requested by the Treasurer for Parcel ID: 97-34, 61-76, 29-17, 276-71 & 754-9. Seconded by Assessor Anop. Voted unanimously.
3. DISCUSSION: a.) Assessor Anop received a request from a taxpayer with mixed-used properties to forgive several \$87.50 fines for failure to return income & expense statements (MGL, C. 59, s. 38D). Assessor Suchy opposed the relief and said he checked the records, and the taxpayer had failed to make returns for several years without claiming a valid reason for not answering the request. Assessor Anop agreed noting that the Board's general policy is not to offer any relief from fines except in situations where there is a question of delivery of the request especially owner change, and the new owner does not receive the request. Also, the taxpayer, in this case had not submitted a timely abatement appeal. b.) Assessors noted City Hall remains closed to the public, and the Governor and Mayor Vieau have extended the stay home order until May 18, 2020. The Assessors office remains open for business by phone and mail with Assessors Anop and Suchy in every day with usually two staffers of four rotating. Assessor Suchy has been trying to schedule the rotation equitably, but the office has had absenteeism due to illness. c.) The office 568 field commercial data project is ongoing, and results will be entered into the Vision system shortly. d.) The annual valuation of all properties in the city is also ongoing, and should be completed by September for submission to Mass. DOR for required approval. e.) Ms. Delgado reported to the Board that about 80% of the calls staff has received have related to motor vehicle excise and property tax. Delgado also reported that training of the new staffer on excise tax has been successful. Assessors and Delgado reviewed the January, 2020 deeds and entering 3 months of deeds into the Vision system by staff should begin within 10 days. f.) The Assessors attended a FY 2021 budget meeting with the Mayor/Auditor and submitted 20% reduction in non-salaried budget items in case the Mayor is forced to make cuts due to the COVID 19 situation. The Assessors have only one purchase in progress which is a \$631.17 time stamp machine required to document letters received by mail, including abatement appeals. There were no votes taken on these matters.
4. Motion by Assessor Anop that the next Board meeting be held Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. Seconded by Assessor Suchy. Voted unanimously.

5. There being no further business before the Board, motion by Assessor Suchy to adjourn. Seconded by Assessor Anop. Voted unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Victor Michael Anop".

Victor Michael Anop

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian Suchy".

Brian Suchy

# Notice of Meeting

To be filed in duplicate

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Chapter 30A, Sections 18-25 of the General Laws of a meeting of the:

CHICOPEE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

(Name of the Board, Committee, Commission, Authority, Etc)

The meeting will be held at 10:30 A.M. On WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2020

The location of the meeting will be CHICOPEE ASSESSORS

Full description of location 274 Front St. (1st Floor, City Hall Annex Bldg.) Chicopee, MA.  
(Street Address)

The purpose of the meeting: to act upon correspondence, exemptions, abatements, projects, personnel issues, and other legally required office business benefitting Chicopee Taxpayers.

This Meeting is being posted & held in  
accord with Executive Order (COVID-19)  
of Governor Charles B. Baker dated:  
March 10, 2020  
Chicopee City Hall Closed to Public

  
Signature

VICTOR M. ANOP, ESQ., ASSESSOR

Title

April 24, 2020

Date of Notice

(to be completed by signing authority)

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