

DRAFT MINUTES for the Board of Abatement hearing 6/14/23
Ziegler Abatement request

Board of Abatement members present: Lily Trajman (clerk), Cheryl Lindberg (chair), Pam Smith (vice-chair), Ernie Ciccotelli, Fran DeGasta, Linda Gray, Corlan Johnson, David Krimmel, Suzanne Leiter, Alix Manny, Stuart Richards, Jonathan Vincent, Priscilla Vincent.

Also present: George and Kathleen Ziegler, appellants.

Trajman opened the meeting at 7:10pm by asking to elect a chair and vice chair. BoA members signed the oath.

Smith nominated and P. Vincent seconded Cheryl Lindberg as chair. Motion passed unanimously.

Lindberg nominated and Richards seconded Pam Smith as vice chair. Motion passed unanimously.

Ciccotelli recused himself due to a conflict of interest and left the room..

Lindberg asked the Zieglers to present their case.

- Zieglers are requesting abatement for their entire outstanding bill, amounting to \$17,965.66. This is from falling behind during the 16-17 through 19-20 tax years; they have been current on their tax bill since 2020-2021.
- Zieglers explained that they had been paying \$25 a week towards their back taxes owed, but this was converted into an agreement to pay \$400 per month toward their delinquent taxes in October 2022; agreement signed by Rod Francis. Since then, 9 payments of \$400 have been made. This is a hardship.
- Zieglers noted that their delinquency stemmed from an overpayment of workers comp insurance that resulted in them losing their income sensitivity adjustment and thus having to pay more taxes than usual in 2016 while also having to repay the excess workers comp payout.

Trajman moved to go into deliberative session at 7:32pm, seconded by J Vincent. Motion passed unanimously.

J Vincent moved to adjourn at 8:03pm, seconded by DeGasta. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lily Trajman
Town Clerk