The Round Lake Board of Review was held via Zoom for a virtual meeting on Tuesday, April 21st, 2020 at 10:30am. Val Ruesch, Nobles County Assessor was host of the meeting. Councilmembers present were Paul Cunningham, Jennifer Rehnelt, Walon Habben, Gary Larson and Mayor Douglas Knuth. Others present were Martin and Cindy Waage, John from the Nobles County Assessor’s office, Bruce Bentele, Derek Nelson and Clerk Elaine Walker.

Meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 10:30am.

Motion by Rehnelt, second by Cunningham to approve the agenda. Roll call vote, ayes: Habben, Larson and Knuth. No nays. Motion carried.

Nobles County Assessor, Val Ruesch presented the 2019 statistics to the Council. Before they did the quintile, Round Lake was at 83% and the State requires us to be at 90% minimum to be in compliance. We had 11 sales in the city of Round Lake in 2019 and if you have 6 you need to make sure every property is valued correctly, based on the sales in your town. We are now at 93.56%, so we are in compliance with the State requirements.

They will continue to do the quintile assessing, which means they will be individually assessing the property in 1/5 of the town each year. They are not sure how it will be done in 2020 in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, but plan to do what they can remotely.

Martin Waage spoke up and feels that his parcel was unfairly increased in value from 2020 to 2021. His property was in the quintile in 2019 and his shop had a big jump in previous years. John explained that our town had incorrectly been given a discount that was removed and it caused many properties to increase dramatically. Martin’s parcel had a finished basement and bathroom, that were not recorded previously. Round Lake, as well as many other small towns in the area, enjoyed many years of discounts that were not merited and it will level out in the future, since these discounts have been removed. Motion by Larson, second by Cunningham to leave valuation as it is. Roll call vote, ayes: Habben, Rehnelt and Knuth. No Nays. Motion carried.

Since this meeting was done virtually, the form that is signed by the participants will be mailed out to City Hall and Clerk Elaine will get the signatures needed from the Council and return it to Val at Nobles County.

Motion by Larson, second by Cunningham to adjourn. Roll call vote, ayes: Habben, Rehnelt and Knuth. No nays. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00am.