

OPEN BOOK FOR THE VILLAGE OF ARENA

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that **OPEN BOOK** will be held on **Friday, May 12, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., at 345 West Street, Arena Village Hall** for the purpose of inspecting the assessment roll of real and personal property. The assessment roll will be available for inspection by the public and the assessor will be present for any questions. Owners wishing to appeal at the Board of Review must complete an Objection Form. Forms are available at Open Book. These forms must be completed, and returned to the Clerk, as required by State Law.

BOARD OF REVIEW FOR THE VILLAGE OF ARENA

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the **BOARD OF REVIEW** will be meet on **Tuesday, May 23, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., or until adjourned, in the Village Hall, 345 West Street, Arena, WI.**

Please be advised of the following requirements to appear before the board of review and procedural requirements if appearing before the board:

1. After the first meeting of the Board of Review and before the Board's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the board may contact, or provide information to a member of the board about that person's objection, except at a session of the board. Open Book shall occur no less than 7 days prior to the Board of Review.
2. The Board of Review may not hear an objection to the amount or valuation of property unless, at least 48 hours before the Board's first scheduled meeting, the objector provides to the Board's clerk written or oral notice of an intent to file an objection, except that upon a showing of good cause and the submission of a written objection, the Board shall waive that requirement during the first 2 hours of the Board's first scheduled meeting and the Board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days with proof of extraordinary circumstances for failure to meet the 48-hour notice requirement an failure to appear before the Board of Review during the first 2 hours of the first scheduled meeting.
3. Objections to the amount or valuation of property shall first be made in writing and filed with the clerk of the board of review within the first 2 hours of the Board's first scheduled meeting, except that, upon evidence of extraordinary circumstances, the board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days. The Board may require objections to the amount or valuation of property to be submitted on forms approved by the Department of Revenue, and the Board shall require that any forms include stated valuations of the property in question. Persons who own land and improvements to that land may object to the aggregated valuation of that land and improvements to that land, but no person who owns land and improvements to that land may object only to the valuation of improvements to that land. No person may be allowed in any action or proceedings to question the amount or valuation of property unless the written objection has been filed and that person in good faith presented evidence to the Board in support of the objections and made full disclosure before the Board, under oath, of all of that person's property liable to assessment in the district and the value of that property. The requirement that objections be in writing may be waived by express action of the Board.
4. When appearing before the Board of review, the objecting person shall specify in writing the person's estimate of the value of the land and of the improvements that are the subject of the person's objection and specify the information that the person used to arrive at that estimate.
5. No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the board by telephone, or object to a valuation if that valuation was made by the assessor or the objector using the income method of valuation, unless the person supplies the assessor with all the information about income and expenses,

as specified in the assessor's manual under s. 73.03(2a), Wis. Stats., that the assessor requests. The Village of Arena has an ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses that is provided to the assessor under this paragraph that provides exceptions for persons using information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or the duties of their office or by order of a court. *The information that is provided under this paragraph, unless a court determined that is inaccurate, is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under s. 19.35(1), Wis. Stats.

6. The Board shall hear upon oath, by telephone, all ill or disabled persons who present to the Board a letter from a physician, surgeon, or osteopath that confirms their illness or disability. No other persons may testify by telephone unless the Board, in its discretion has determined to grant a property owners or their representative's request to testify under oath by telephone or written statement.
7. No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the board by telephone, or contest the amount of any assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the Board, or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard if the objection is allowed under s. 70.47(3) (a), Wis. Stats., that person provides to the clerk of the Board of Review notice as to whether the person will ask for the removal of a member of the Board of Review and, if so, which member, and provides a reasonable estimate of the length of time the hearing will take.

Notice is hereby given this 21st day of April 2023.

DaNean Naeger
Village Clerk