

**TOWN OF LUDLOW**  
**BOARD OF ASSESSORS**  
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**BOARD OF ASSESSORS MINUTES FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

Minutes of the Board of Assessors Meeting held September 30, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. via Conference Call @  
Ludlow Town Hall

Members of Board of Assessors: Antonio Rosa – Chairman (Present)  
Michael O'Rourke - Clerk (Present)  
Kelly Rua – Member (Absent)

Also, in Attendance: Jose Alves - Assistant Assessor (Present)  
Maria Fernandes - Associate Assessor (Absent)

Meeting began at 11:00 a.m. called to order by Mr. Rosa via Conference Call from the Assessor's  
Department.

**Executive Session @ 11:15: Board to go into Executive Session to meet with Matthew Ide from Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company to discuss Fiscal Year 2021 Payment In-Lieu of Taxes. To comply with Mass Law Chapter 59, Section 60 and will return to regular session when Executive Session has ended.**

**Roll Call:**

Michael O'Rourke – yes  
Antonio Rosa – yes

**Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke to come out of Executive Session at 11:57 a.m. and return to regular session and adjourn. Motion seconded by Mr. Rosa. Motion passed 2-0.**

**Roll Call:**

Michael O'Rourke - yes  
Antonio Rosa – yes

87. Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke to approve and sign September 2020 departmental payments. Motion seconded by Mr. Rosa. Motion passed 2-0.
88. Board reviewed deaths for the month of July and August 2020.
89. Board noted various town departments and the votes on the reorganizing of those departments.

90. Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke to approve and sign 2019 and 2020 Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Tax Abatement Records for the month of August 2020. Motion seconded by Mr. Rosa. Motion passed 2-0.
91. Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke to approve, sign and notarize 2 new filers, one for Classified Chapter 61 Forestry Land Tax Lien for land identified on Assessor's Map 26, Parcel 52 and the other for Classified 61B Recreational Land Tax Lien for land identified on the Assessor's Map 37, Parcel 2, both liens to be filed with the Hampden County Registry of deeds. Motion seconded by Mr. Rosa. Motion passed 2-0.
92. Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke approve and sign the 2019 and 2020 Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Tax Abatement Applications and Certificates for September 2020. Seconded by Mr. Rosa. Motion passed 2-0.
93. Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke to approve and sign 2 copies of the 2020 Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Tax Commitment List 5 in the amount of \$87,124.87. Motion seconded by Mr. Rosa. Motion passed 2-0.
94. Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke to approve and sign the Assessor's Warrant to Tax Collector, Fred Pereira for the 2020 Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Taxes for Commitment 5 in the amount of \$87,124.87. Motion seconded by Mr. Rosa. Motion passed 2-0.
95. Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke to approve or deny, and sign Fiscal Year 2021 new residents filing Real Estate Tax Exemption Applications under Veterans Clauses 22, Senior Clause 41C and Blind Clause 37A. Motion seconded by Mr. Rosa. Motion passed 2-0.
96. Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke to approve or deny and sign Fiscal Year 2022 Notice of Action on Applications for Classified Land under 61 Forestry, 61A Agricultural or Horticultural and 61B Recreational Lands. Motion seconded by Mr. Rosa. Motion passed 2-0.
97. Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke to approve and sign the Board of Assessor's Meeting Minutes for the July 2020 and August 2020 meetings. Motion seconded by Mr. Rosa. Motion passed 2-0.
98. Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke to approve and sign 2 copies of the 2019 Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Tax Commitment List for Commitment 9 in the amount of \$37.50. Motion seconded by Mr. Rosa. Motion passed 2-0.
99. Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke to approve and sign Board of Assessor's Warrant to Tax Collector, Fred Pereira for 2019 Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Taxes for Commitment 9 in the amount of \$37.50.

**Discussion:**

- **Next Meeting – Wednesday, October 28, 2020 @ 11:00 a.m.**

**Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke to adjourn @ 11:59 a.m. Motion seconded by Mr. Rosa. Motion passed 2-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Antonio Rosa, Chairman

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Michael O'Rourke, Clerk

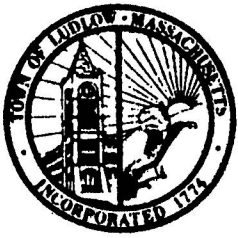
~~Kelly Rua~~

Michael S. O'Rourke

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Absent

Kelly Rua, Member

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**BOARD OF ASSESSOR'S EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30,  
2020**

Minutes of the Board of Assessor's Meeting held September 30, 2020 in the Board of Assessor's Department, 3rd Floor of the Town Hall @ 11:00 a.m. to be held Via Conference call.

**Board Members Present were:**

Antonio Rosa  
Michael O'Rourke  
Kelly Rua (absent)

**Also, Present were:**

Jose Alves  
Maria Fernandes (absent)

**Executive Session 11:15 a.m.: Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke to enter into Executive Session at 11:15 a.m. to meet with Matthew Ide from Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company to discuss Fiscal Year 2021 Payment In-Lieu of Taxes. Motion seconded by Mr. Rosa. Motion passed 2-0.**

**To comply with Mass Law Chapter 59, Section 60 and will return to regular session when Executive Session has ended.**

**Roll Call:**

Michael O'Rourke – yes  
Antonio Rosa – yes

**The Board to discuss Payment In-Lieu of Taxes with Matthew Ide, representative from Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company for Fiscal Year 2021:**

The Board discussed with representative Matthew Ide from Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company the Payment In-Lieu of taxes for Fiscal year 2021. Massachusetts Municipal Wholesale Electric Company came in with an offer of 1.2 million that is \$100,000.00 less than the prior years payment. Board members Tony Rosa and Michael O'Rourke pushed for a better number and asked Mr. Ide to reconsider the property values when he goes back to discuss the negotiations with his CEO's for the negotiations. Their Payment In-Lieu of Taxes has been declining while the last couple of years their revenues were up. Motion made by Mr. O'Rourke to continue these negotiations at a later date. Motion seconded by Mr. Rosa. Motion passed 2-0.

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**Roll Call:**

Michael O'Rourke - yes  
Antonio Rosa - yes

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly Rua (absent)  
Date:

Board Members \_\_\_\_\_

Antonio Rosa  
~~Kelly Rua~~  
Michael S. O'Rourke