

## **Guilderland News**

At the January 19, 2010 Town Board meeting, Councilperson Paul Pastore was absent due to being sick. This caused an interesting vote to occur.

Metro 20 Diner had commenced litigation against the Town Assessor several years ago challenging the tax assessment on the property. The assessment is approximately 1.6 million dollars and the Metro 20 diner is seeking to reduce its assessment by approximately 1 million dollars. The Judge in the litigation has ordered the town to get an appraisal of the property to justify the town's assessment. The assessor solicited several bids from appraisers to provide the court ordered appraisal. The low bid was \$5,000.

**Mark Grimm** and **Warren Redlich** abstained in the motion to hire the appraiser (basically an abstention is the equivalent of a no vote). **Ken Runion** and Pat Slavick voted to hire the appraiser. Because this was a tie vote, the motion to hire the appraiser was defeated.

**Mark Grimm** and **Warren Redlich** stated that they did not have enough information or time to make a decision on hiring the appraiser. They claimed they were unaware of the litigation. Whether they were aware or unaware of the litigation is irrelevant in that the Court ordered the town to obtain it. It is also strange that they were unaware of the litigation in that

**Mark Grimm**

and

**Warren Redlich**

are the liaisons to the Town Assessor. Well, while it may appear strange, it is not surprising in that neither one of them have met with either the former assessor (Carol Wysomski) or the present one in the two years they have been town board members. As for the excuse that they did not have time to make a decision, the materials were hand delivered to their homes five days prior to the meeting. Neither

**Mark Grimm**

nor

**Warren Redlich**

contacted the Assessor or any other town employee prior to the meeting with questions about the agenda item.

## **Guilderland News: Mark Grimm and Warren Redlich may cost Guilderland Taxpayers Over \$70,000 in Lost**

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The Town is in a tough position due to the conduct of **Mark Grimm** and **Warren Redlich**. We are unable to comply with the Court's order and we are placed at a disadvantage in our ability to defend the litigation and support the assessment. In the end, this could result in the Taxpayers having to refund over \$70,000 in taxes and a loss of approximately \$25,000 a year in future taxes all because

**Mark Grimm**

and

**Warren Redlich**

refuse to act like town board members and do the jobs they were elected to. This is not good

**news**

for the Town of

**Guilderland**

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