

TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA

RESOLUTION NO. 12-14-92 E

A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE EQUALIZATION OF REAL ESTATE PROPERTY TAXES IN LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, AND SUPPORT FOR PROPER ASSESSMENT THEREOF.

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, has been made aware that real estate taxes paid by the property owners in the Town of St. John and St. John Township have escalated at an alarming rate over the course of the last two (2) years; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, has been advised that property tax owners in the Town of St. John and St. John Township have been assessed pursuant to the guidelines, rules and regulations established by the State of Indiana Board of Tax Commissioners for the purpose of conducting appropriate assessments on parcels of real estate in the State of Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, has been further advised that parcels of real estate in the adjoining and surrounding Townships in Lake County have not been assessed pursuant to the established rules and guidelines promulgated by the State of Indiana Board of Tax Commissioners, resulting in a disproportionate tax assessment to those property owners in the Town of St. John and St. John Township; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, has been further advised that the result of the disproportionate tax assessment to those property owners in the Town of St. John and St. John Township has been to create a more substantial tax burden on the real estate property owners in both the Town of St. John and St. John Township; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, has been advised that the appropriate procedure required to be utilized to remedy this disproportionate tax assessment would be to equalize tax assessments among all of the Townships of Lake County, Indiana, so that all property owners in Lake County, Indiana, are assessed pursuant to the same rules, regulations and standards heretofore established and promulgated by the State of Indiana Board of Tax Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the applicable Statutory Provisions of the Indiana Code, the appropriate body or public agency authorized to conduct such an equalization of tax assessments is the Lake County Board of Review; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, has determined, after its review of the circumstances, that it would be in the best interests of the tax payers and residents of the Town of St. John that the Lake County Board of Review establish a procedure and take the appropriate steps necessary to equalize tax assessments throughout Lake County.

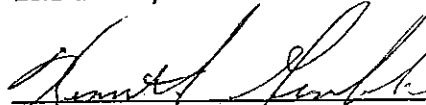
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA:

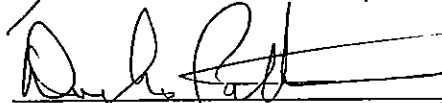
SECTION ONE: That the Town of St. John, Lake County, Indiana, by its Town Council, recommends and urges the Lake County Board of Review to adopt appropriate measures and procedures to immediately institute the equalization of tax assessments throughout all Townships in Lake County, Indiana, so as to provide a more fair and equitable means of tax determination and payment, and to take such action in the most expeditious and reasonable fashion, as the same is in the best interests of the residents, real estate property owners, citizens and tax payers of the Town of St. John, and St. John Township.

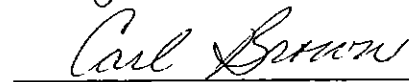
SECTION TWO: That this Resolution be certified and transmitted immediately to the Lake County Board of Review upon its passage and adoption, and that all steps and measures required to be taken consistent herewith be undertaken by the designated representatives and/or officials of the Town of St. John.

ALL OF WHICH IS RESOLVED AND ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA, THIS 14 DAY OF DECEMBER, 1992.


TOWN OF ST. JOHN, LAKE COUNTY,
INDIANA, TOWN COUNCIL


Kenneth D. Gembala, President


Douglas E. Patterson, Vice-President


Carl Brown, Member

ATTEST:


Judith L. Companik,
Clerk-Treasurer