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Chief Kinniry:

This e-mail is what I hope is a redundant inquiry into the fire district assessment of \$11,737.01 levied on the above lot. The redundancy is accurate if you receive the subsequently-described letter.

The lot is little more than a strip of sand since the vast majority is under water. There is no access and it cannot be developed. It is assessed at \$11,460, but the highest offer I have received was just over \$1500.

I have been dealing with this issue for almost a month....since receiving notice of the levy on the tax statement shortly after November 1st. It is important to note that the tax statement was the first indication I had of the levy inasmuch as I did not receive a preliminary or any other notice of the levy before receiving the tax statement, which means of course also means I had no information about how to proceed.

Since I was convinced there had been an error and had no information how to proceed, I immediately sent the notice back to the tax department with a handwritten note asking that the error be corrected and I be sent a new notice (I included a copy of the return receipt in the letter I sent to you). Over a week after receipt by the tax office, I received a different form of notice with the same taxes and assessments and no other explanation or instruction. I tried contacting the tax department (during their busy period) and eventually was able to speak with someone who told me that the issue was not with them but with your fire department. I called the fire department and the person I spoke with said he knew nothing about it and I needed to talk to "the chief", who was not then available. Later, when I spoke with you, you first told me to contact a county office but upon further inquiry told me to contact Russ Weyer.

I spoke with Mr. Weyer, who seemed surprised by the amount of the assessment and indicated he would talk to someone else about the issue. I was under the apparently-mistaken impression that he would do what was necessary to address the issue. I since learned from Mr. Weyer that it is up to me to bring the issue before the Board. I immediately wrote a restricted-delivery letter addressed to you and Board member Bill Fry, both names and addresses having been given to me by Mr. Weyer. On two different occasions (each with a different address) the post office refused to accept the letters since it did not "recognize" the address. Subsequent contacts produced what I hope is a viable address, which I then used to post the original letter to you. I did not then also write to Mr. Fry since I was advised that to do so would be a violation of the Sunshine Law, which I question but which I did not challenge.

The bottom line is that I would like the Board to address the situation and determine the accuracy of the assessment. I am unable to pay this assessment, which means I will lose the property if it stands. Although that may not be relevant to the issue, it does support the time and effort I have put into getting the issue before the appropriate party.

Thank you for your consideration.

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