Pursuant to s. 70.45, Wis. Stats, the assessment roll for the Year 2019 assessment will be open for examination starting on May 13, 2019 during normal City Hall hours. The City of Washburn Open Book with assessing firm, BowMar Appraisal, Inc., will be conducted Monday, May 13, 2019, 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM at the Washburn City Hall, 119 Washington Ave, Washburn WI 54891. Instructional material will be provided at the Open Book to persons who wish to object to valuations under s. 70.47, Wis. Stats. The Board of Review will convene Monday, May 20, 2019, 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM at the Washburn City Hall.

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes Sections 70.47(2):

No person shall be allowed to appear before the Board of Review, to testify to the Board by telephone or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the assessor to view such property.

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 of Review may contact, or provide information to, a member of the Board about that person’s objection except at a session of the Board.

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 section 70.47 (3)(a), that person provides to the clerk of the Board of Review notice as to whether the person will ask for removal section 70.47 (6m)(a) and if so, which member shall be removed and the person’s reasonable estimate of the length of time that the hearing will take.

When appearing before the Board, the person shall specify, in writing, the person’s estimate of the value of 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.

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; unless the person supplies to the assessor all of the information about income and expenses, as specified in the manual under s. 73.03(2a), that the assessor requests. The municipality or county shall provide by ordinance the confidentiality of information about income and expenses that is provided to the assessor under this paragraph and shall provide exceptions for persons using the information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or of the duties of their office or by order of a court. The information that is provided under this paragraph, unless a court determines that it is inaccurate, is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under s. 19.35(1).

Inquiries regarding Open Book Hearing Appointments and Board of Review may be directed to the City Administration Office, Mondays 7:30 AM-4:30 PM and Tuesday-Friday 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., #715 373-6160 ext. 4. Instructional materials will be provided at the open book to persons who wish to object to valuations under s. 70.47, Wis. Stats. Objection Forms to Real and/or Personal Property Assessment are available at the City Hall.

Scott J. Kluver
City Clerk