

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS & REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICE

DATE: JULY 29, 2016

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: DICKINSON
STROUGH
CONOVER
LEGGETT
BRAYMER

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS: MCDEVITT
MERLINO
BEATY
SIMPSON

OTHERS PRESENT:

LEXIE DELUREY, DIRECTOR OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES
MIKE SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
BRIAN REICHENBACH, COUNTY ATTORNEY
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS BROCK
GIRARD
FRASIER
MONTESI
SEEBER
SOKOL
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
MOLLY GANOTES, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the July 29, 2016 meeting of the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link: <http://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2016/environmental/>

Mr. Dickinson called the meeting of the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee to order at 9:34 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Lexie Delurey, Director of Real Property Tax Services, who distributed copies of the agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing her agenda review, Ms. Delurey to refund of taxes on Town of Lake George Tax Map Parcel No. 238.16-1-7 for the years 2014, 2015, 2016 as the result of a Court order.

Motion was made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried unanimously to approve the request as presented and the necessary resolution was authorized for the August 19, 2016 Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Continuing with the discussion portion of the agenda, Ms. Delurey provided an update on Tax Map Parcel No. 211.12-3-35 in the Town of Warrensburg and Tax Map Parcel No. 133.08-1-27 in the Town of Johnsbury. She indicated she would receive the report containing preliminary testing results from Ecosystems Strategies, Inc. next week; however, she indicated she was given verbal results and proceeded to provide a brief description of preliminary findings. She informed the property in the Town of Warrensburg tested negative for contaminants and there were five floor drains that testing showed did not lead to the sewer system, which she said would need to be investigated further. She mentioned further bore testing on the parcel was also needed. Chairman Geraghty stated this was a property that would likely sell quickly.

Concerning Tax Map Parcel No. 133.08-1-27 in the Town of Johnsbury, Ms. Delurey notified there were no significant problems with the parcel. She informed she did not have information available on ground water and she said boring was

never done. She indicated there were mounds of tires and underground tanks that would need to be removed before the property could be sold.

A discussion ensued following which a motion was made by Mr. Conover, seconded by Mr. Strough and carried unanimously to authorize Ms. Delurey to obtain quotes for additional environmental testing for Tax Map Parcel No. 211.12-3-35 in the Town of Warrensburg, with consultation from the Acting County Administrator.

Michael Swan, County Treasurer, spoke regarding the Environmental Restoration Program (ERP). He mentioned the program would not accept new applications until the previous applications were closed. Ms. Delurey notified she would speak to her contact at the New York State (NYS) Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to discuss the status of the ERP program.

Concluding, Ms. Delurey informed the Committee that the Last Chance meeting was scheduled for August 29th. She advised it was the meeting where taxpayers came before them to request extensions to save their property from foreclosure. She expressed the time frame for last chance tax payments fell short this year, allowing individuals until September 9th to make tax payments before their property would be seized by the County and placed in the County auction on October 15th. A brief conversation ensued.

Mr. Conover reiterated the fact that he thought it was important to have the flexibility to add work as needed to the scope of work for the environmental clean-up at the parcels in the Towns of Warrensburg and Johnsburg.

There being no further business to come before the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee, on motion made by Mr. Conover and seconded by Mr. Strough, Mr. Dickinson adjourned the meeting at 10:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes, Legislative Office Specialist