

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS & REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES

DATE: MAY 22, 2017

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS BROCK  
BRAYMER  
MERLINO  
STROUGH  
DICKINSON  
MCDEVITT  
LEGGETT  
SIMPSON

OTHERS PRESENT:

LEXIE DELUREY, DIRECTOR, REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES  
RONALD CONOVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
KEVIN GERAGHTY, ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
AMY BARTLETT, ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY  
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
FRANK THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER  
SUPERVISORS BEATY  
FRASIER  
MACDONALD  
MONTESI  
SOKOL  
MIKE SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER  
MICHAEL WILD, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT  
SARAH MCLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR VANSELOW

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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the May 22, 2017 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/2017/environmental/>

Mr. Brock called the meeting of Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services to order at 10:25 a.m.

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

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

Commencing the agenda review, Mr. Delurey presented the following requests:

- 1) To delete outstanding taxes due on Town of Bolton Tax Map Parcel No. 123.00-2-36 in the amount of \$3,471.33.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Leggett and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the June 14<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 2) To approve the list of chargebacks and refunds as provided.

Motion was made by Ms. Braymer, seconded by Mr. Strough and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the June 14<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 3) To fill vacant position of Senior Real Property Clerk, *Grade 8, Annual Salary \$33,189*, due to resignation.

Motion was made by Mr. Strough, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried unanimously to approve the request and forward same to the Personnel & Higher Education Committee for reporting purposes. *A copy of the Notice of Intent to Fill Vacant Position is on file with the minutes.*

Ms. Delurey informed she would be attending the Creative Leadership Seminar on June 21<sup>st</sup> which all Department Heads had been invited to attend. She noted all of the required approvals had been received.

Mr. Brock asked Ms. Braymer whether she had anything to discuss pertaining to Environmental Concerns. Ms. Braymer informed that Dave Wick, *Executive Director, Lake George Park Commission*, and Wayne LaMothe, *County Planner*, would be attending the next meeting to provide an update on the contracts relating to water quality and the boat washing stations. She said the millfoil issue was on-going and would be one of the items they would be discussing. She added since the County had taken over managing the contracts things were running much smoother.

Returning to the request to fill the vacant position of Sr. Real Property Clerk, Chairman Conover inquired whether there was an active Civil Service list to hire from and Ms. Delurey replied in the negative. She informed a test had been scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Conover inquired whether Ms. Delurey would be promoting from within the Office and she replied she would be inquiring whether the individual in the Real Property Clerk position would be interested in taking the test for the Senior position.

A lengthy discussion ensued.

Mr. Dickinson advised that it had been brought to his attention at the last meeting of the SAVE Group that they needed to be aware of and look for the signs of a new invasive species referred to as the hemlock wooly adelgid. He explained this was an insect which was currently located on the southern shores of Lake Sacandaga and in the City of Troy which could essentially wipe out the hemlock tree population in the area.

Mr. Brock questioned what type of eradication efforts were available and Mr. Dickinson responded that two different methods of eradication existed, the first of which consisted of injecting insecticide into every hemlock tree which would be rather costly and time consuming. He apprised that another way to eradicate the insects was to introduce a different type of insect whose main food source was the hemlock wooly adelgid. He stated that he would bring additional information concerning the insect to the next Committee meeting.

A discussion ensued.

There being no further business to come before the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee, on motion made by Mr. Simpson and seconded by Mr. McDevitt, Mr. Brock adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah McLenithan, Deputy Clerk of the Board