

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS & REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES

DATE: JUNE 26, 2017

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: BROCK
BRAYMER
STROUGH
DICKINSON
MCDEVITT
LEGGETT
SIMPSON

OTHERS PRESENT:

LEXIE DELUREY, DIRECTOR OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES
WAYNE LAMOTHE, COUNTY PLANNER
MIKE SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER
RONALD F. CONOVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, ACTING COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
BRIAN REICHENBACH, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS BEATY

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS: MERLINO
VANSELOW

MACDONALD
MONTESI
SOKOL
DAVE WICK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LAKE GEORGE PARK
COMMISSION
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the June 26, 2017 meeting of the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Service 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 the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Service Committee to order at 10:15 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, 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 her agenda to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing her agenda review, Ms. Delurey presented a request to amend Resolution No. 378 of 2014 to include updates to the Warren County Real Estate Auction Terms & Conditions. She indicated the changes were highlighted in the attachment provided; she advised the buyer premium increased from 6% to 7% and any unpaid sewer charges would be included in the purchase price.

Motion was made by Mr. Leggett, seconded by Mr. Strough and carried unanimously to amend Resolution No. 378 of 2014 as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the July 21, 2017 Board Meeting; *a copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Next, Ms. Delurey spoke regarding foreclosure properties. She informed in April a petition was sent to all individuals whose homes were in foreclosure status and in June 38 properties were posted. She mentioned as of June 22, 2017 there were 219 properties on which taxes were owed.

Ms. Delurey spoke about a contaminated property in the Town of Chester (*Tax Map Parcel No. 104.10-4-5*), indicating there was a cement floor with a drain that caused concern. She recommended authorizing the County Attorney to seek temporary incidents of ownership for the County to perform Phase I, and possibly Phase II, site characterization studies to determine what contaminations might exist on the property.

Following some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Leggett, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried unanimously to authorize the County Attorney to seek temporary incidents of ownership designation for Town of Chester Tax Map Parcel No. 104.10-4-5, as well as to authorize Phase I, and if necessary Phase II, site characterization studies, and the necessary resolutions were authorized for the July 21st Board Meeting. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

A discussion ensued with regard to possible contaminated properties, as well as the process to deal with dirty/cluttered properties.

Mr. Dickinson entered the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

Moving on, Ms. Braymer notified she invited Dave Wick, *Executive Director, Lake George Park Commission*, to speak to the Committee. Mr. Wick provided a Power Point Presentation entitled "Lake George: A Few Current Topics", which he reviewed in detail; *a copy of Mr. Wick's presentation is on file with the meeting minutes.*

Privilege of the floor was extended to Wayne LaMothe, *County Planner*, who spoke regarding grant administration and the Lake George basin. He mentioned there were grants awarded from the Department of State which had problems that he needed to speak to the Committee about. He spoke about Contract number C1000461 in the amount of \$482,050 that he said was awarded to Warren County in 2013. He said after the grant was awarded he had spoken to the Department of State about what issues there were and about the work program. He informed the Planning Department administered 16 Local Waterfront Programs within the First Wilderness Program. He remarked he had inquired whether the Planning Department could be of any assistance to the County. He mentioned he had a conversation with the Department of State in January 2017 where he was asked if the Planning Department would be interested in taking over the administration of Lake George grants because of the experience they had with the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (*LWRP*). He indicated himself, Mr. Wick and Walt Lender, *Executive Director of the Lake George Association*, had met with representatives from the Department of State regarding Contract 461. He said they went through the work program which was complete; however, he noted the County had not received the money. He reported a reimbursement request had been submitted, but he noticed the County would be shorted \$56,000. He said he asked the State to pull the grant and they complied. He explained there was no local match for the purchase of the boat washing stations which the County paid \$112,000 towards, but they would have only been reimbursed for half. He indicated the match for the grant could be documented. He said Mr. Conover concurred that he should speak to the State regarding assuming

responsibility for the administration of the grants. He advised the State was in the process of drafting a revised work program that included administration by the County. He indicated it was not a matter of an unfulfilled contract, but rather pertained to paperwork. He mentioned the grant would expire at the end of June so they were granted an extension through the end of December 2017 to allow them to chargeback the cost of the reimbursement packages to the program. He expressed the County should receive full reimbursement. He indicated he would finalize the work program and the State would prepare the final documents that would be given to the County Attorney. He anticipated there would be a revised contract document by mid August and he would submit the reimbursement package by the end of September.

Mr. LaMothe indicated the County had allocated money to staff the boat washing stations and he informed those monies could be used as the 25% match that was required for additional revenue through grant funding to maintain invasive species in Lake George. A brief conversation ensued regarding grant applications and reimbursement.

Concluding, Ms. Braymer indicated she wanted to refer the Plastic Bag Initiative item back to the Legislative & Rules Committee for further review. Mr. Strough notified he would look into re-submitting the resolution for a letter of support which failed at the June Board meeting.

As there was no further business to come before the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Service Committee, on motion made by Mr. Simpson and seconded by Ms. Braymer, Mr. Brock adjourned the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist