

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS & REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES

DATE: AUGUST 23, 2017

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS BROCK
BRAYMER
MERLINO
MCDEVITT
LEGGETT
SIMPSON

OTHERS PRESENT:

LEXIE DELUREY, DIRECTOR, REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES
BENJAMIN BOTELHO, SECOND ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS BEATY
MACDONALD
MIKE SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS STROUGH
DICKINSON
VANSELOW

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the August 23, 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 10:15 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. McDevitt 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, Ms. Delurey presented the following requests:

- 1) To amend Resolution No. 625 of 2007 to establish a timetable for delinquent tax property foreclosure and auction as per the listing provided.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Leggett and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the September 15th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 2) To fill the vacant position of Real Property Clerk, Grade 4, Base Salary \$27,824, due to promotion.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, 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 form is on file with the minutes.*

Mr. Merlino entered at the meeting 10:18 a.m.

Ms. Braymer requested an update on the outcome of the Last Chance Meeting. Ms. Delurey reported there were sixty-two parcels with delinquent taxes remaining, several extensions had been granted until August 31, 2017. A brief discussion ensued in regards to the number of parcels in the foreclosure sale. Mr. McDevitt commended Ms. Braymer, Mr. Brock, Ms. Delurey and Michael Swan, *County Treasurer*, for

an efficient job. Mr. Brock acknowledged Ms. Braymer, Ms. Delurey, Chairman Conover and Mr. Swan for their efforts.

Ms. Braymer suggested the plastic bag initiative be considered for discussion again. She mentioned NYSAC (New York State Association of Counties) had a Facebook Live Town Hall segment which she would view and report back on if there had been any new information on the subject. Mr. Leggett advised he had viewed the segment and NYSAC was putting legislation together at the State level on the plastic bag initiative and he suggested supporting NYSAC's efforts. Mr. McDevitt added burning the plastic bags was brought up at the Board meeting when the topic was addressed, which was a concern, as well, due to the carcinogens in the bags. He noted every solution presented had associated drawbacks with them.

Mr. Simpson voiced the invasive species topic had not been discussed in some time and he noted there were many future aspects that should be addressed. Discussion ensued on the topic of invasive species. Mr. Leggett remarked the same topic was mentioned at town level board meetings and there was a need for a coordinated program which he recommended the County lead.

There being no further business to come before the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee, on motion made by Ms. Braymer and seconded by Mr. McDevitt, Mr. Brock adjourned the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Lovelace, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board