

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS & REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES

DATE: JULY 30, 2018

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS DICKINSON  
BRAYMER  
SIMPSON  
MCDEVITT  
MERLINO  
HOGAN

OTHERS PRESENT:

LEXIE DELUREY, DIRECTOR, REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES  
RONALD F. CONOVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD  
JOANN MCKINSTRY, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR - PT  
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
FRANK THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER  
SUPERVISORS BEATY  
DIAMOND  
FRASIER  
LEGGETT  
MAGOWAN  
MICHAEL SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER  
TRAVIS WHITEHEAD, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT  
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*  
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS STROUGH  
LOEB  
HYDE

*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the July 30, 2018 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/2018/environmental/>

Mr. Dickinson called the meeting of Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee to order at 10:37 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 her agenda; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing her agenda review, Mrs. Delurey presented the following requests:

- 1) To approve the deletion of Town of Stony Creek Tax Map No. 231.-1-17.2 from the Warren County Tax Maps and merge into Warren County Route 22/Harrisburg Road.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Merlino to approve the request as outlined above.

- 2) To approve the deletion of outstanding taxes and any additional foreclosure charges on Town of Stony Creek Tax Map No. 231.-1-17.2.

Mr. Simpson apprised he had viewed the property and the merger made a lot of sense to him. Ms. Delurey advised she previously spoke to Mr. Thomas regarding the request and he was not opposed.

Ms. Hogan asked if Request #1 and Request #2 should be combined and Ms. Delurey replied they could since they were related. Mr. Simpson amended his motion and Mr. Merlino amended

his second to include to approve the deletion of outstanding taxes and any additional foreclosure charges on Town of Stony Creek Tax Map No. 231.-1-17.2. Mr. Dickinson called the question and motion to approve the aforementioned requests was carried unanimously and the necessary resolutions were authorized for the August 17<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes.*

- 3) To approve the purchase by City of Glens Falls of Town of Queensbury Tax Map No. 309.10-1- 99 for City use following the Warren County 2018 tax foreclosure action.

Motion was made by Mr. McDevitt, seconded by Mr. Merlino and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the August 17<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Ms. Braymer apprised she spoke with Dan Hall, City of Glens Falls Mayor, who conveyed to her the intent of the purchase of the Luzerne Road, Queensbury property was to aid in closure of the old dump.

Continuing with the Information for Discussion/Review portion of the agenda, Ms. Delurey informed she was out the past week and had posted seventy-five properties that had not paid the past due taxes by July 13<sup>th</sup>. She noted many had asked the Treasurer's Office for an extension, which was granted until August 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. McDevitt inquired how the number of delinquent tax payers compared to last year and Ms. Delurey replied it was the same.

Next, she informed there were three pieces of property that had previously housed the Glens Falls Swim & Tennis Club that Mayor Hall had indicated interest in purchasing. She also reported there were two parcels she wanted to address, one of which was located off of Route 9L by Cleverdale, that was originally thought to be State Land, but was later discovered it was not resulting in the creation as an unknown owner; she said the foreclosure process had commenced after two years. Ms. Delurey apprised she had contacted the Land Unit at New York State to inquire if they would like to purchase the parcel and the response given was they no longer purchased land, but could accept it as a gift. Mr. Dickinson requested that Ms. Delurey contact the Lake George Land Conservancy and ask if they had any interest in purchasing the parcel. She said there was another parcel in the Town of Johnsbury off of Route 8 within State-owned land which she contacted the State to inquire if they were interested in that one, as well. She informed they were interested, but again, would only accept land as a gift. A discussion ensued in regards to the amount of outstanding taxes owed for the parcels, following which it was determined Ms. Delurey would further discuss the Johnsbury parcel with the State and would contact the Lake George Conservancy on the parcel on Route 9L.

Lastly she apprised the Last Chance Meeting was scheduled for August 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.; however, she said, she currently did not have anyone signed up for the meeting, but was required to hold the meeting for those who do not sign up but attended the meeting. A brief discussion ensued in regards to how long the meeting had to be held for if there was no attendance by the public.

Mr. Simpson asked Ms. Delurey about an abandoned car that sat on property in Johnsbury that had environmental testing done on it. She replied the car was added a year and a half ago, but since the property was not owned by the County they had no control of what was on the

property even though the taxes were unpaid. Mr. Simpson inquired if the property could become the County's and she replied in the negative. A brief discussion ensued in regards to the condition of the building on the property.

Privilege of the floor was extended to the public; Travis Whitehead, Town of Queensbury resident, apprised he was concerned about the City of Glens Falls obtaining ownership of the old Glens Falls Tennis and Swim Club property, as they had taken ownership of parcels in the Town of Queensbury that were in a state of disrepair. He suggested the County not take any special consideration in allowing the City of Glens Falls to purchase the suggested property, as he was confident there were other responsible tenants who would be interested.

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. Merlino, Mr. Dickinson adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

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