

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COMMITTEE: ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS & REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES**

**DATE: AUGUST 13, 2018**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS: DICKINSON  
BRAYMER  
SIMPSON  
STROUGH  
MCDEVITT  
HYDE  
HOGAN

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

SUPERVISORS: MERLINO  
LOEB

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

LEXIE DELUREY, DIRECTOR OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES  
MICHAEL SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER  
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
AMY LEVINE, ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY  
SUPERVISORS BEATY  
GERAGHTY  
LEGGETT  
MAGOWAN  
SOKOL  
WILD  
BRIAN LAFLURE, FIRE COORDINATOR/DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF  
EMERGENCY SERVICES  
ILANA MORGAN, LEGAL ASSISTANT  
JILL ANNABLE, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT  
REBECCA BAROUDI, WARREN COUNTY RESIDENT  
GINA MINTZER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, LAKE GEORGE CHAMBER OF  
COMMERCE & CVB  
TRAVIS WHITEHEAD, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT  
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*  
THOM RANDALL, ADIRONDACK JOURNAL  
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the August 13, 2018 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/2018/environmental/>

Mr. Dickinson called the meeting of the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee to order at 9:02 a.m.

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

Mr. Dickinson welcomed everyone in attendance. He informed this was the Last Chance Meeting of the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee, the purpose of which was to offer one last opportunity for those with delinquent taxes to pay restitutions.

Lexie Delurey, *Director of Real Property Tax Services*, distributed copies of the agenda packet to the Committee members, a copy of which is on file with the minutes. Ms. Delurey apprised the agenda included property information for the one property owner who had signed up to speak at the meeting, that being for Rebecca Baroudi who was present.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Ms. Baroudi who explained the situation that had led to her financial constraints and inability to pay her outstanding taxes. She talked about the impending sale of a piece of property which would provide her the ability to pay the outstanding taxes owed for all of her property, noting that the sale was expected to be complete in mid-September.

Mrs. Hyde entered the meeting at 9:06 a.m. and Ms. Hogan entered the meeting at 9:09 a.m.

A motion was made by Mr. McDevitt, seconded by Mr. Strough and carried unanimously to allow Ms. Baroudi an extension until September 30, 2018 to pay the outstanding taxes on both of the properties included in the 2018 Foreclosure process (*Town of Chester Parcel Nos. 49.-1-2.1 and 49.-1-3.2*).

Privilege of the floor was then extended to Jill Annable, *Town of Queensbury Resident*, who apologized for not signing up in advance to speak at the meeting. Ms. Annable explained she currently resided in a home owned by her deceased grandfather which she had been paying rent to her father to live in. She said her father had left the area and she had only recently learned her father had not paid the property taxes for the home and that it was to be included in the 2018 Foreclosure Auction; she added that she was in attendance to request an arrangement that would allow her to pay the taxes owed to retain the home.

Ms. Delurey pointed out that Ms. Annable was in a difficult situation as she was not the titled owner of the property and therefore could not make any payment arrangements for it. She apprised that this property should have been included in the 2017 Foreclosure Auction due to a defaulted installment agreement, but was inadvertently left out.

A discussion ensued during which the Committee encouraged Ms. Annable to seek the services of a real estate lawyer who could assist her in determining who the titled owner of the property was in an effort to gain title herself. Ms. Delurey offered assistance to Ms. Annable in finding certain documents which could be provided to her prospective legal counsel to reduce the cost of this work.

A motion was subsequently made by Ms. Braymer, seconded by Mr. McDevitt and carried unanimously to remove Town of Queensbury Tax Map Parcel No. 309.18-1-34 from the 2018 Tax Foreclosure Auction to allow Ms. Annable more time to work on the title issue.

Ms. Delurey apprised that although this parcel would be removed from the 2017 Foreclosure Auction, because the taxes were unpaid it would be included in the 2018 Foreclosure process which would begin in September. She added that through this process an abstract process would be undertaken, the costs of which would be added to the outstanding taxes owed for this parcel.

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 Mr. McDevitt, Mr. Dickinson adjourned the meeting at 9:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislate Office Specialist