

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS & REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES

DATE: AUGUST 27, 2018

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS DICKINSON  
BRAYMER  
SIMPSON  
STROUGH  
MCDEVITT  
LOEB  
HOGAN  
HYDE

OTHERS PRESENT:

LEXIE DELUREY, DIRECTOR, REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES  
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
FRANK THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER

SUPERVISORS BEATY  
DRISCOLL  
FRASIER  
GERAGHTY  
LEGGETT  
SOKOL  
WILD

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR MERLINO

MICHAEL SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER  
CARLA SHERMAN, AUDITOR  
MIKE COLVIN, DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
WILLIAM VANNESS, COMMISSIONER (R) BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
ELIZABETH McLAUGHLIN, COMMISSIONER (D), BOARD OF ELECTIONS  
TRAVIS WHITEHEAD, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT  
THOM RANDALL, ADIRONDACK JOURNAL  
DON LEHMAN, *POST STAR*  
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the August 27, 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 to order at 9:55 a.m.

Motion was made by Ms. Hogan, seconded by Mr. Simpson 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 a request to approve the list of chargebacks included in the agenda packet, as provided by the Treasurer's Office.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Ms. Braymer and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the September 21<sup>st</sup> Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Continuing with the Information for Discussion/Review portion of her agenda, Ms. Delurey provided an update with regard to the City of Glens Falls' interest in acquiring Town of Queensbury Tax Map Parcel Nos. 303.10-1-1, 303.10-1-2 and 303.10-1-4, otherwise known as Glens Falls Tennis & Swim Club property. She indicated the City was still undecided as to whether they would like to pursue the acquisition and was still in the process of performing their due diligence on this matter; she said she

hoped a decision would be forthcoming which she could share at the next Committee meeting. Mr. McDevitt commented the parcel being discussed was six acres of wetland and he surmised that if it was of any value it would have already been purchased. Ms. Delurey noted the wet area was in the back of the property and not where the tennis court and pool areas were; however, she informed, a significant amount of work would be necessary for the next landowners. Mr. McDevitt expressed that if the City was interested in acquiring these parcels, they should do so through the auction process and should not be provided with an alternate opportunity to acquire it prior to auction.

Next, Ms. Delurey advised she would be attending the New York State County Directors Conference in Watkins Glen on October 14 - 17, 2018. She noted this information was being provided in keeping with the requirements of the County's Travel Policy.

In closing, Ms. Delurey provided an update on the Town of Queensbury parcel No. 240.-1-60, advising she had contacted Jamie Brown, *Executive Director, Lake George Land Conservancy*, in regards to gifting the parcel to them per the conversation held at the last Committee meeting. She said Mr. Brown's response indicated an interest in consideration acceptance of the parcel, provided it passed the Lake George Land Conservancy's visual inspection. Ms. Delurey read aloud an e-mail from Mr. Brown stating his interest in accepting the land as a donation once their site investigation had been complete, under certain stipulations, one of which was that the Conservancy would not be responsible for paying the outstanding taxes on the property.

Ms. Braymer announced that because she was serving as one of the lawyers representing the Lake George Land Conservancy on this particular parcel she recused herself from discussing the matter and she moved from the Committee table.

Restating his prior concern, Mr. McDevitt stated there should be a consistent policy regarding instances where requests were made to pull parcels from auction for municipal purchases. A discussion ensued during which it was determined there was already County legislation in place which allowed for other municipalities to acquire parcels prior to the annual foreclosure auction. It was the consensus of the Committee to refrain from removing this parcel from the list of those scheduled for auction pending further information regarding a decision from the Lake George Land Conservancy as to whether they intended to accept the parcel.

Moving on to the Environmental Concerns portion of the meeting, Mr. Dickinson asked Ms. Braymer if there was any truth to the rumor he had heard that the plastic bag industry was working towards developing a slightly thicker plastic bag than the ones included in the legislation aimed at banning single-use plastic bags. Ms. Braymer replied there were already heavier plastic bags being produced. A brief discussion ensued during which Mr. Dickinson questioned whether the Committee was interested in amending the proposed local law to address this and Mr. Thomas commented that because a proposed local law was adopted and public hearings scheduled, any changes would need to be made after the public hearings were held.

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 Ms. Hogan, Mr. Dickinson adjourned the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

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