

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS & REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES

DATE: OCTOBER 29, 2018

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: DICKINSON
 BRAYMER
 MCDEVITT
 MERLINO
 LOEB
 HOGAN
 HYDE

OTHERS PRESENT:

LEXIE DELUREY, DIRECTOR OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES
RONALD F. CONOVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
AMY LAVINE, FIRST ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
SARAH MCLENITHAN, DEPUTY CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS: SIMPSON
 STROUGH

SUPERVISORS BEATY
 DRISCOLL
 FRASIER
 LEGGETT
 MAGOWAN
 SOKOL
 WILD
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
MICHAEL SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the October 29, 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 Service Committee to order at 10:50 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Merlino, seconded by Mr. McDevitt 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 the 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 authorize conveyances of lands offered at the Warren County Tax Foreclosure Auction held on October 20, 2018.

Motion was made by Mr. Merlino, seconded by Mr. Loeb and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 16th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Next Ms. Delurey introduced a request to approve the list of chargebacks and refunds of taxes as provided in the agenda packet.

Ms. Braymer entered the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

Mr. Loeb inquired what the meaning of chargeback was and Ms. Delurey explained the County paid taxes on

properties and the town the property was located in reimbursed the County.

Motion was made by Mr. McDevitt, seconded by Mr. Merlino and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 16th Board Meeting. A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.

Moving on, Ms. Delurey presented a request to delete the 2010 outstanding taxes on Town of Horicon Tax Map Parcel No. 38.20-1-7.1. She indicated the property was originally going to be included in the Tax Foreclosure Auction; however, she said, the parcel owners presented a cancelled check that proved the taxes were paid. Michael Swan, *County Treasurer*, requested that the matter be tabled due to the fact that he was still in conversations with the Town of Horicon regarding the matter.

Motion was made by Mr. Merlino, seconded by Mr. Loeb and carried unanimously to table the matter until the next Committee meeting.

Concluding the Action Agenda/New Business portion of the agenda review, Ms. Delurey presented a request to amend Resolution No. 400 of 2018 to change the amount of taxes being deleted from \$1,333.43 to \$1,106.17 to correct a clerical error.

Motion was made by Mr. Merlino, seconded by Mr. Loeb and carried by majority vote, with Ms. Braymer abstaining, to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the November 16th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Regarding the Information for Discussion/Review portion of the agenda review, Ms. Delurey spoke about Town of Queensbury Tax Map Parcel No. 308.8-1-56, indicating the property was comprised of a lot in a subdivision that had high tension power lines and provided a right-of-way for National Grid. She said she had reached out to National Grid to inquire if they would be interested in purchasing the property for the cost of the closing expenses and she noted the assessed value of the property was \$700. Mr. Magowan inquired who owned the other parcels border the vacant lot and Ms. Delurey replied surrounding neighbors had purchased the land to prevent trespassing on the property. Mr. Dickinson mentioned if National Grid owned the property they could secure the area. A brief discussion ensued, following which Ms. Delurey advised she would continue her conversations with National Grid in an attempt to sell them the property and put it back on the tax roll.

Mr. Wild spoke of waste recovery and trash collecting, reporting that there were waste recovery businesses that were not recycling. Mr. Dickinson informed China had stopped taking recycling causing recycling to become backed up. Mr. Wild asked if those who did not recycle could be pursued and Mr. Dickinson replied there was no market for recycling and they were now charging for electronic recycling. He added cardboard was the only recyclable material that had any real value. Ryan Moore, *County Administrator*, advised in 2010 the County had submitted a Solid Waste contract that was currently being held up by the NYSDEC (*New York State Department of Environmental Conservation*) and he was waiting for call from the previous former Town of Chester Supervisor Fred Monroe to discuss the matter with him due to his experience working on behalf of the County on the contract for the burn plant.

As there was no further business to come before the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Service Committee, on motion made by Mr. Loeb and seconded by Mr. Merlino, Mr. Dickinson adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist