

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS & REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES

DATE: JANUARY 24, 2023

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS BRAYMER
MAGOWAN
LEGGETT
GERACI
DICKINSON

OTHERS PRESENT:

LEXIE DELUREY, DIRECTOR, REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES
KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
JOHN TAFLAN, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
LARRY ELMEN, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS HOGAN
MCDEVITT

SUPERVISORS FRASIER
STROUGH
WILD
CHRISTOPHER BRIGGS, THIRD ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the January 24, 2023 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: <https://warrencountyny.gov/mma>

Ms. Braymer called the meeting of the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee to order at 11:07 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Geraci, seconded by Mr. Dickinson and carried by unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Hogan and Mr. McDevitt absent*) to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Copies of the Real Property Tax Services agenda were distributed to the Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the meeting minutes.*

The agenda review commenced with a request to establish a petty cash fund in the Real Property Tax Services Department in an amount not to exceed Forty Dollars (\$40).

Motion was made by Mr. Leggett and seconded by Mr. Dickinson to approve the request as presented; following discussion, Ms. Braymer called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Hogan and Mr. McDevitt absent*) and refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Committee reviewed with the Discussion Items sections, as follows:

1. Recently signed Assembly Bill No. A10155-A (*tax exemption for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers*) - Committee determined this item would be carried as a pending item for further discussion at a future meeting.

A discussion ensued with regard to Real Property Tax Law Section 467, *exemption for persons 65 years of age or older*, and notification requirements.

Ms. Braymer apprised of an Environmental Concerns item not on the agenda, advising the funds the County Planning Department had for the Warren County Septic Inspection Replacement program had been allocated and she requested Committee approval to forward a letter to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Basil Seggos requesting additional funding for the County's program.

Motion was made by Mr. Dickinson and seconded by Mr. Magowan to authorize the letter; following discussion, Ms. Braymer called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Hogan and Mr. McDevitt absent*) to send the letter requesting additional funds.

Concluding the agenda review the Committee reviewed the following Referrals/Pending Item:

1. Queensbury Parcel 302.8-1-2, discussion on the future use of the property for tax purposes - A lengthy discussion ensued following which a motion was made by Mr. Dickinson and seconded by Mr. Magowan to pursue a tax exemption for Queensbury Parcel 302.8.-1-2 (former Mullen's property); following discussion, Ms. Braymer called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Ms. Hogan and Mr. McDevitt absent*) to authorize Lexie Delurey, *Director, Real Property Tax Services*, to request a tax exemption for the above mentioned parcel.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion made by Mr. Dickinson, seconded by Mr. Magowan, Ms. Braymer declared the meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

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