

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS & REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES

DATE: JULY 28, 2023

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS BRAYMER
MAGOWAN
LEGGETT
GERACI
SMITH

OTHERS PRESENT:

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

SUPERVISORS MCDEVITT
DICKINSON

SUPERVISORS STROUGH
WILD
CHRISTOPHER BRIGGS, THIRD ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
SARA FRANKENFELD, GIS ADMINISTRATOR
ETHAN GADDY, COUNTY PLANNER
WAYNE LAMOTHE, DIRECTOR, PLANNING
DON LEHMAN, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS
DIANE COLLINS, ZERO WASTE WARREN COUNTY COMMITTEE
TONY HALL, *LAKE GEORGE MIRROR*
JIM SIPLON, PRESIDENT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
DAVID STRAINER, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT
JOHN WHEATLEY, VICE PRESIDENT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
MOLLY GANOTES - GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the July 28, 2023 meeting of the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed using the following links:

Warren County Website - <https://warrencountyny.gov/mma>

Warren County's YouTube Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tKvQfwqq8sg>

Ms. Braymer called the meeting of the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee to order at 11:37 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Geraci and carried by unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. McDevitt and Dickinson 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 and Environmental Concerns agendas were distributed; *copies of the agendas are on file with the meeting minutes.*

Privilege of the Floor and Public Comment was called for, but there was no one wishing to speak.

Ms. Braymer informed there was an item not on the agenda that needed to be addressed and she extended privilege of the floor to Kevin Hajos, *Superintendent of Public Works*. Mr. Hajos apprised the County had taken ownership of a property in the Town of Queensbury with a building which had sustained fire damage and needed to be demolished due to condemnation by the Town of Queensbury and placed back on County tax rolls. He advised he

had obtained a proposal in the amount of \$9,942 from Atlantic Testing for abatement.

Following a lengthy discussion, motion was made by Mr. Magowan to authorize an online auction for the sale of Town of Queensbury Tax Map Parcel No. 309.13-1-7 located on Indiana Avenue with no minimum bid specified; after further discussion, Ms. Braymer called the question and the motion was carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. McDevitt and Dickinson absent*) to approve the sale by auction of the parcel with no minimum bid specified and the necessary resolution was authorized for the August 18th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Committee reviewed the following Real Property Tax Services Referral/Pending Item:

1. Firefighters/Ambulance workers exemption, RPTL 466-a: Larry Elmen, *County Attorney*, reviewed the handout included in the agenda entitled, "*Annual*" *Property Tax Exemptions for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers*. Mr. Elmen indicated he would prepare a draft local law for the exemption for a future meeting.

There being no further Real Property Tax Services business to discuss, Ms. Braymer informed the Discussion Item for the Environmental Concerns agenda would be addressed next month.

Ms. Braymer briefly mentioned the Warren County 2023 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update was being finalized by the Warren County Soil and Water Conservation District and Warren County Office of Emergency Services and she urged the public to review the plan on the County Website and provide feedback.

Ms. Braymer called for Privilege of the Floor and Public Comment, but there was no one wishing to speak.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, on motion made by Mr. Geraci, seconded by Mr. Magowan and carried by a unanimous vote of those present (*Messrs. McDevitt and Dickinson absent*), Ms. Braymer adjourned the meeting at 12:46 p.m.

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