

Equalization and Assessment Committee Minutes
August 6, 2012 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Raymond; Supervisors Collyer, M. Johnson, Sausville, Jenkins, Lewza, Rowland, Southworth and Wood; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Cindy Baker, Treasurer; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Joanne Bosley, Real Property; Press.

Chairman Raymond called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Mr. Collyer, seconded by Mr. Lewza the minutes of the July 2, 2012 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mrs. Baker presented a tender offer in the Town of Wilton in the amount of \$12,291.93 made on July 23, 2012.

A motion was made by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Lewza to approve a tender offer made in the Town of Wilton in the amount of \$12,291.93. Unanimous.

Ms. Raymond said in working with Real Property and the Treasurer and from now on anytime when a tender offer comes in and it clears, the Treasurer's office will be notifying everyone by email that the tender offer has been received and that the parcel is being removed from the auction list. This same procedure will be used with any of the pull sheets should a Supervisor authorize a pull. This will allow everyone to have the same information at the same time in a paperless manor, she said.

A copy of the Terms and Conditions of Sale and Information to Bidders was distributed to all committee members for their review. Ms. Raymond said most of things that have to do with the auction are administrative, but the Terms and Conditions of Sale were actually adopted by the Equalization and Assessment Committee in 2003. Since changes to those terms and conditions have been made it will require a motion by this committee, she said.

Ms. Raymond said a motion would need to be made to approve a change to the terms and conditions of sale barring people and entities that have an ownership interest in who are delinquent in the payment of their real property taxes from bidding at auction.

Ms. Bosley highlighted a change to the Terms and Conditions of Sale, stating that Saratoga County makes no representation as to the condition or the validity of its title to the parcels offered for sale. The County will convey title by Quit Claim Deed. The County makes no representation as to the condition, zoning, improvements or exact location of any parcel or any easements to other encumbrances to which any parcel may be subject. Any information provided by any County employee is subject to this disclaimer.

Ms. Raymond said when the auction list comes out it will go to each Supervisor with a request that they also share it with their assessor, building department and planning.

A motion was made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Collyer to approve the change to the Terms and Conditions of Sale barring people and entities that have an ownership interest in who are delinquent in the payment of their real property taxes from bidding at auction. Unanimous.

Ms. Raymond highlighted changes that were made to the Auction flyer and distributed a copy to all committee members for their review.

On a motion made by Mr. Sausville, seconded by Mr. Lewza to meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom