

Equalization and Assessment Committee Minutes
November 13, 2017 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Dan Pemrick; Supervisors Phil Barrett, John Collyer, Matt Veitch and Tom Wood; Chad Cooke, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Joanne Bosley, Chris Aldrich, Real Property; Andrew Jarosh, Cindy Baker; Treasurer.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Collyer, the minutes of the October 2, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Veitch, to introduce a proposed Local Law identified as Introductory No. 6, Print No. 1 of 2017, entitled “A Local Law Amending Local Law 3-08 to Extend the Partial Tax Exemption for Real Property Taxes Owned by Persons who rendered Military Service to the United States during the Cold War (9/2/45 – 12/26/91)”, and setting a date for a public hearing thereon. Unanimous.

Mr. Dorsey distributed a draft resolution and also previously sent an email to the committee regarding the item. Mr. Dorsey said that by statute the exemption was only good for ten years, the State Legislature has this year lifted that ten-year restriction and it is now good for as long as the veteran owns their residential property. The county Local Law from 2008 will now be amended to remove the 10 year limiting provisions. The public hearing will be set for December 13 at 4:25pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Collyer, to authorize the Chair of the Board to execute an agreement with the New York Environmental Protection and Spill Contamination Fund to split the proceeds of an auction sale of an abandoned gas station in the Village of Schuylerville. Unanimous.

Mr. Dorsey distributed a photograph of the property. The property is on the list of properties to be foreclosed on this year. The property is the subject of a \$348,441 DEC lien from when they cleaned up the property years ago. The county will be unable to sell the property with such a large lien. Attorneys from the Attorney General’s office contacted Mr. Dorsey and submitted a proposal that would allow the County to take title of the property, the County would get a release from the lien and the purchaser at auction would be relieved of any liability. In exchange for this, the proceeds of the sale of this parcel at auction would be split with DEC. Mr. Wood said that the property is in the commercial zone in the Village of Schuylerville. Mr. Dorsey said that a repurchase offer from the current owner will be rejected.

Mr. Dorsey said that he has made his motion to foreclose on properties with 2015 delinquent taxes. The motion is returnable on November 28th so the County will be taking title shortly afterward.

On a motion made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Veitch, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Deputy Clerk of the Board