

## EQUALIZATION AND ASSESSMENT

APRIL 7, 2008 – 4:00 P.M.

Present: Chairman M. Johnson, Hunter, Connelly, Raymond, Rowland, Southworth, Thompson; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Sam Pitcherale, Treasurer; Mark Rider, County Attorney; Christine Aldrich, Real Property; Mr. Harper.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Rowland the minutes of the March 11<sup>th</sup> and March 21<sup>st</sup> meetings were approved unanimously.**

Mr. Harper said Mr. and Mrs. Billotta who own a parcel of land on the Sacandaga Lake have retained him. Their parcel was included in the last county tax auction. The Billotta's have said that they never received their tax bill. The tax bill in question is for the year 2005, amounting to approximately \$2,700.

**A motion was made by Ms. Raymond, seconded by Mrs. Southworth to move to Executive Session for the purpose of Litigation.**

**No action was taken.**

**A motion was made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Hunter to open to regular session.**

Mr. Pitcherale distributed a copy of a proposed amendment to the E&A Manual of Procedures Tax Collection Section.

The deleted paragraph reads as follows: (3) The County continues to collect school taxes until mid December, at which time they are relieved on the January Town and County tax bill.

The new paragraph reads as follows: (5) The County Treasurer's office starts collecting delinquent school and village taxes upon the expiration of the local collectors' warrants usually by November 1<sup>st</sup>. Payments to the County on or after November 1<sup>st</sup> of each year must be with certified funds. After November 30<sup>th</sup>, the relieved information is forwarded to Real Property Tax Services for inclusion on the January Town and County Tax bills. However, the County Treasurer's office continues to collect delinquent school and village taxes until December 30<sup>th</sup>.

**A motion was made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Ms. Raymond to accept the revised E&A Manual of Procedures as stated above. (Committee approval only) Unanimous.**

Mr. Pitcherale distributed copies of two tender payments for parcels in the Village of Corinth and the Town of Hadley for a total of \$4,986.07

**A motion was made by Mr. Connelly, seconded by Mr. Rowland to approve a resolution accepting two tender offers, one in the Village of Corinth and one in the Town of Hadley for a total of \$4,986.07. Unanimous.**

Mr. Pitcherelle said there were 63 parcels originally available for sale at the county auction. Twenty-six parcels were removed by payment of taxes; 13 were removed by Supervisors or for other reasons, leaving 23 parcels that were actually sold at the auction.

The total amount received in sales, payments and forfeits was \$533,088.06.

**A motion was made by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Ms. Raymond to approve the March 18, 2008 auction sales and conveyance. Unanimous.**

Ms. Aldrich requested a resolution to approve a correction to the 2008 tax roll from the Town of Halfmoon, where a property was inadvertently charged for Fire District and Library taxes in the amount of \$2,658.51.

**A motion was made by Mrs. Southworth, seconded by Mr. Connelly to approve a correction to the 2008 tax roll for a parcel in the town of Halfmoon in the amount of \$2,658.51. Unanimous.**

Mr. Rider said every town receives a full set of their tax maps. If they would like more copies, prior to now through resolution #77-87 they were charged \$1 per sheet. It now is costing the county more than \$1 per sheet. Real property tax is requesting a change to the resolution to state that towns will be charged the actual cost of reproduction for additional copies. The first set will be free to each municipality.

**A motion was made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Ms. Raymond to approve a resolution amending resolution #77-87 as follows: All towns, villages and cities will be charged the actual cost of reproduction of tax maps for additional copies. Unanimous.**

**On a motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Ms. Raymond the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom