

Equalization and Assessment Committee Minutes

May 11, 2009 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Vice Chairman Connelly; Supervisors Grattidge, Hunter, Raymond, Thompson and Yepsen; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Mark Rider, County Attorney; Cindy Baker, Treasurer's office; Joanne Bosley, Carol Holley, Real Property.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mr. Grattidge the minutes of the April 13, 2009 meeting were approved unanimously.

Ms. Holley requested a resolution to approve the cancellation of 2009 taxes in the amount of \$619.53, on multiple properties in the town of Edinburg. The properties were acquired in October of 2008 by the New York State Department of Transportation in anticipation of rebuilding the Batchelerville Bridge. The State of New York is exempt.

A motion was made by Ms. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Thompson to approve a resolution canceling the 2009 taxes in the amount of \$619.53, on multiple properties in the town of Edinburg that were acquired by the New York State Department of Transportation in anticipation of rebuilding the Batchelerville Bridge. Unanimous.

Mr. Rider said there was a request from a taxpayer from Clifton Park who lives in Florida to have interest and penalties forgiven on some tax bills. In 2005 he purchased the property and between the time of purchase and 2006 he changed his address. At that time he paid the taxes and requested that the tax collector in the Town of Clifton Park change the address, which they did. The next year he received a receipt back with the correct address. The Assessor, however, is the entity that controls the tax billing address. The Assessor sent out the tax bill for the following year to the incorrect address, therefore the tax bill for 2007 and 2008 did not get to him and weren't paid. The individual said the reason that they weren't missed, is that he has a tenant on the property that is supposed to pay the taxes. The total request is for \$4,971.58.

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Ms. Raymond to refuse a refund of interest and penalties to a resident in Clifton Park for delinquent taxes. Unanimous.

Mr. Rider said Clifton Park is requesting to acquire four parcels in the Town. The town has already paid the outstanding taxes.

A motion was made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Grattidge to approve the conveyance of four parcels in Clifton Park to the town. Unanimous.

On a motion made by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Grattidge the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Sansom