

EQUALIZATION AND ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

JUNE 10, 2009 – 3:00 P.M.

Present: Chairman M. Johnson; Supervisors Grattidge, Hunter, and Raymond; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Sam Pitcherelle, Treasurer, Cindy Baker, Treasurer; Joanne Bosley, Carol Holley, Real Property; Mark Rider, County Attorney.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Ms. Raymond the minutes of the May 11, 2009 meeting were approved unanimously.

Ms. Holley said in April she came before the committee requesting corrections to the tax rolls for several properties. One of the corrections was for a property owned by Saratoga Hospital, and approved by the Board of Supervisors resolution #93. During the processing it was discovered that the taxes had already been paid.

Ms. Holley is requesting a resolution to amend resolution #93 that would correct the tax bill for 3040 Route 50 LLC and change the correction to a refund on that parcel.

A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Hunter to approve a resolution to amend resolution #93 relative to the corrected tax bill for a parcel in the Town of Wilton and authorizing a refund of \$9,353.12 in erroneous taxes. Unanimous.

Mr. Rider said the Hudson River/Black River Regulating District each year assesses a benefit assessment to all downstream properties, most of which are power companies. If the companies don't pay their assessments, state law says that the county in which the property is located levies that amount on the real property taxes of that facility. Albany Engineering owns one of the facilities, and they challenged the ability of the district to assess these benefits and challenged the procedures, which the district was using to arrive at the figures. This was done successfully, he said.

Presently, the County has a relevy of the figure with real property tax. Mr. Rider would like to rescind resolution #224-2008, so the county can take it off the real property records.

A motion was made by Ms. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Hunter to approve a resolution to rescind resolution #224-2009, which relieved unpaid Sacandaga Lake Maintenance assessment. Unanimous.

Mr. Pitcherelle requested a resolution to waive the penalties, interest and second notice fee to a parcel in the Town of Stillwater in the amount of \$91.73.

A payment was made by the owners and was posted to the wrong account. The next day a second payment was made to the proper account. The town tax collector did not catch the error and sent the second check back, which should not have been sent back.

A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Ms. Raymond to approve a resolution to waive penalties, interest and second notice fees for a total of \$91.73 on a parcel in the town of Stillwater due to the town's error in collection of taxes. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Grattidge, seconded by Mr. Hunter to accept a tender offer in the town of Malta in the amount of \$15,069.95. Unanimous.

On a motion by Ms. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Hunter the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom