

Equalization and Assessment

April 4, 2011 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Raymond; Supervisors Hargrave, Kinowski, Lucia, Southworth, Thompson, Collyer, and Wright; Spencer Hellwig, Administrator; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Joanne Bosley, Chris Aldrich, Real Property; Cindy Baker, Treasurer.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Lucia the minutes of the March 7, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mrs. Baker distributed a copy of four tender offers that were made from the towns of Moreau, Saratoga, Stillwater and Waterford. These parcels were on the auction list and have been pulled, she said. The parcels are owned by four separate people who were delinquent, and the county had taken title to their property. A request is being made that the titles be re-conveyed back to the owners, since they have paid the full amount of outstanding taxes. The total for the tender offers is \$44,722.83.

A motion was made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mrs. Southworth to approve the tender offers on properties in the towns of Moreau, Saratoga, Stillwater and Waterford for a total of \$44,722.83. Unanimous.

Mrs. Baker said there were 28 parcels sold at the March Auction representing a profit to the county of \$160,179.

A motion was made by Mr. Kinowski, seconded by Mr. Hargrave to approve the conveyance of parcels sold at the county auction on March 13, 2011. Unanimous.

Ms. Bosley distributed a copy of the quarterly report from the Auditor's office to all committee members for their review.

Ms. Bosley distributed copies of the corrections to the 2011 rolls and gave the following review:

Meadowbrook IV LLC – City of Saratoga Springs – There was a correction to a parcel of vacant land that was incorrectly assessed with new construction. The assessment is being reduced from \$524,400 to \$216,400. The corrected bill is going to be \$1,919.47, which is a reduction of \$2,731.97.

Daniel & Janne Grennan – Town of Milton – This is a parcel that actually has a car wash on it. It went from an automatic car wash to a self-serve and the owners went to the county sewer district to have the sewer units reduced. Whenever that happens the sewer

district does its own investigation and reports back to real property, she said. A letter was received stating that they wanted to reduce the sewer units from 17 to 6. For the 2009 tax bill there is a refund of \$1,320 and for 2010 there will be a \$1,650 reduction for a total refund of \$2,970.

Mr. Thompson asked how far back can they go? Ms. Bosley said for sewer you could go back six years.

Laguna Homes Inc. – City of Saratoga Springs – This is a large parcel that had a home put on it and then it was sub divided for a sub division and the house was carried over to the wrong parcel. The parcel that the house was on should really be vacant land, so the assessor is reducing the assessment from \$315,000 to \$65,000. The corrected bill is for \$562.58, representing a reduction of \$2,163.79.

Joseph Morse – Town of Providence – The assessor made a mistake in valuing the parcel. This parcel in total is 17.27 acres, but it is cut by the town line. The part that is in Providence is a smaller piece of 3.61 acres and the way that it is configured it really has little value. The assessor reduced the assessment from \$3,600 to \$800. The corrected bill is \$90.04 representing a credit of \$307.56.

Herbert Coleman – Town of Waterford – This was a parcel located in a trailer park with code violations on it. The town of Waterford passed a resolution on 2/2/2011 to adjust the amount owed on a special assessment from \$103,180 to \$76,180. In the meantime the property owner has now passed away, someone who is working with the estate is working with the Town of Waterford to resolve the issue. The town will be passing a resolution to only charge up until the date of the passing of the owner.

On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Lucia the above corrections to the 2011 tax roll were approved.

On a motion made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Kinowski the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom