

Equalization and Assessment Committee Minutes
September 11, 2012 – 2:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Raymond; Supervisors Collyer, Hargrave, M. Johnson, Sausville, Jenkins, Lewza, Kinowski, and Wood; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Joanne Bosley, Chris Aldrich, Real Property; Cindy Baker, Treasurer; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Connors, seconded by Mr. Sausville the minutes of the July 5, 2012 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mrs. Bosley said there has been a request for a second pull from the Town of Stillwater. The paperwork has been processed and the current year's taxes have been paid.

A motion was made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Sausville to approve a second pull from the county auction list in the Town of Stillwater. Unanimous.

Ms. Raymond said there were three tender offers made, one in the Town of Greenfield and two in the Town of Providence.

A motion was made by Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hargrave to approve three tender offers, one in the Town of Greenfield and two in the Town of Providence. Unanimous.

Mrs. Bosley requested approval to apply a tax credit on a 2012 town bill to a parcel in the Town of Ballston where the property was incorrectly assessed as having a partially built home on the property when it was really vacant land. The assessment of \$153,000 should be \$53,700. The total tax credit will be \$413.03.

A motion was made by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mrs. Johnson to approve a tax credit in the Town of Ballston in the amount of \$413.03. Unanimous.

Mrs. Bosley said she is recommending a denial on a request for a refund on a property in the Town of Waterford. She the ownership of the parcel was put back into the prior owners name and not the buyer; therefore, the tax bill went to the prior owner. The property owner stated that the first time that they got information that the bill was due was in May when they received a delinquent tax notice from the Treasurer's office. When that was received they paid the bill at that time, which included penalties and interest of \$90.61.

Mrs. Bosley said she researched the opinions of council. The conclusion was that a property owner is not relieved of the responsibility of paying taxes, despite that there name is not on the tax bill and no statement of taxes was received. It was also stated that the failure to mail any

such statement or the failure of any such owner to receive the same shall not in any way affect the validity of the taxes or interest prescribed by law with respect thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. Jenkins, seconded by Mr. Collyer to approve the denial of a refund on a parcel in the Town of Waterford. Unanimous.

Ms. Raymond reminded the committee that there is a second meeting of the E&A committee scheduled for 3:00p.m. on September 18, 2012.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom