

AMENDED
EQUALIZATION AND ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

MAY 8, 2006 – 3:00 P.M.

Present: Chairman Hunter; Supervisors DeCerce, Grattidge, Hargrave, M. Johnson, Yepsen, Barrett and Thompson; Spencer Hellwig, Mgmt. Analyst; Joanne Bosley, Carol Holley, RPTSA; Sam Pitcheralle, Deputy Treasurer; Shelley Waters, Treasurers Office; Mark Rider, County Attorney.

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

On a motion made by Mr. DeCerce, seconded by Mr. Hargrave the minutes of the April 10, 2006 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Pitcheralle said there are some parcels that the Town of Clifton Park has taken over from CK Sanitary Sewer. A letter from the Town of Clifton Park was submitted asking for the penalties and interest to be forgiven, in the amount of \$22,295.51.

Mr. Barrett said this was a sewer system that was abandoned in the Town of Clifton Park, with approximately 4,000 homes and businesses involved. Per State law after five years the owner of the sewer system is allowed to abandoned the system to the municipality or government entity closest to the situation, which in this case is the Town of Clifton Park. Upon the transfer of the Sewer System to the Town of Clifton Park, part of the debt that was transferred included delinquent taxes on the sewer system property.

Mr. Barrett asked for committee approval to relieve the Town of Clifton Park of the penalties and interest that have accumulated.

A motion was made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. DeCerce for the purpose of discussion to relieve the Town of Clifton Park of the penalties and interest that have accumulated. Unanimous.

Ms. Yepsen suggested that a policy be set in place in order to move forward with these issues in the future.

Mr. Barrett said he would be willing to help in drafting a policy with regard to private sewer systems in the future.

A motion was made by Mr. DeCerce, seconded by Mr. Hargrave to table the request of forgiving penalties and interest incurred by taxpayers upon the transfer of ownership of private sewer systems, allowing the committee to establish a countywide policy. Unanimous.

Ms. Holley requested cancellation of taxes both in the town of Greenfield and Milton for a total of \$2,958.53. All the parcels are owned by the State of New York, and are, therefore, wholly exempt upon the transfer date. These were taxes that were levied after the State took title.

A motion was made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. Grattidge to approve a resolution to cancel accrued taxes that were exempt on properties in the town of Greenfield and Milton for a total of \$2,958.53. Unanimous.

Ms. Holley requested approval of two corrections to the tax rolls, one in the town of Clifton Park and one in the Town of Malta for a total of \$12,641.94. The property in the town of Clifton Park was due to an error by the Niskayuna School district mistakenly reporting some school relevies that had been paid by the property owners. The property in the town of Malta was due to the exemption code being removed in error.

A motion was made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. DeCerce to approve a resolution to accept corrections to the tax rolls in the town of Clifton Park and Malta for a total of \$12,641.94. Unanimous.

Ms. Holley requested approval of refunds to the tax roll in both the town of Clifton Park and Day for a total of \$3,828.78. The refund in the town of Clifton Park is due to the Niskayuna School district reporting taxes delinquent in error. The refund in the town of Day is due to an assessment with an improvement that was present on another parcel.

A motion was made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. DeCerce to approve a resolution for refunds in both the town of Clifton Park and Day for a total of \$3,828.78. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Hargrave, seconded by Mr. DeCerce to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Sansom