

Equalization and Assessment Committee Minutes  
March 2, 2015 - 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Collyer; Supervisors Martin, Wood, Lunde, Ziegler and Sausville; Ryan Moore, Deputy Administrator; Brian O'Connor, County Auditor; Andrew Jarosh, County Treasurer; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Elyssa Rothe, Energize NY Finance; Press.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Lunde, seconded by Mr. Martin the minutes of the February 11, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously.**

Mr. Dorsey said the Town of Malta would like to purchase a piece of property that is on the County Auction List for the March auction. He said currently the land is wooded property that was intended to be a roadway extending into a subdivision that has yet to be developed. Mr. Dorsey said the taxes, penalties and interest are currently \$1,074; however, the town of Malta will also be responsible for the 2015 taxes.

**A motion was made by Mr. Lunde, seconded by Mr. Wood to approve a purchase offer from the Town of Malta for tax parcel #240.13-1-98. Unanimous.**

Mrs. Bosley requested approval to cancel taxes on three parcels in the Town of Providence, which are all owned by the State of New York for a total of \$2,148.43. She said the State purchased the parcels on February 28, 2014; however, because the deed was not recorded until April 7, 2014 it was not received by the assessor in time to get everything updated on the assessment roll, and taxes were paid on the property.

**A motion was made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Ziegler to approve the cancellation of taxes on three parcels in the Town of Providence for a total of \$2,148.43. Unanimous.**

Mr. Jarosh said two tender offers have been received; one in the Town of Greenfield for a total of \$3,557.19, and one in the Town of Northumberland for a total of \$3,828.74 for a grand total of \$7,385.66. A request to approve these tender offers was made.

**A motion was made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Martin to approve two tender offers for a total of \$7,385.66. Unanimous.**

Mr. Martin said there is a program that has been started in New York State referred to as, Property Assessed Clean Energy. He said the concept is to provide financing for businesses to retrofit their properties with clean energy and renewable energy techniques, and to do it through a property assessment mechanism where the county would be involved, as they are the municipality that has the ability to assess properties in Saratoga County.

Mr. Martin introduced Elyssa Rothe from Energize NY Finance, who gave a power point presentation about the program which has now been adopted in a number of municipalities throughout NY State, and might help Saratoga County spur Economic Development through Clean Energy Techniques.

Ms. Rothe distributed handouts of the power point presentation to all committee members for their review and comment.

Mr. Martin said the program is complex and will need more discussion moving forward.

Mr. Collyer established a subcommittee consisting of Mr. Martin, Mr. Collyer and Mr. Lunde; County Treasurer, County Attorney, County Auditor and County Real Property to discuss in more depth the NY Property Assessed Clean Energy Program and bring it back to the committee.

**A subcommittee meeting was scheduled for March 11, 2015 at 2:30 p.m.**

**On a motion made by Mr. Ziegler, seconded by Mr. Martin the meeting was adjourned unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom