

Equalization and Assessment Committee
September 9, 2015 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Collyer; Supervisors Jenkins, Lent, Lunde, Martin, Wood, Zeigler, Lawler, Barrett, Lewza; Chad Cooke, Deputy County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Joanne Bosley, Real Property Director, Christine Aldrich, Real Property; Cindy Baker, Deputy County Treasurer, Terry Wrisley, County Treasurer's office; Therese Connelly, County Administrator's Office.

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

On a motion by Mr. Lunde, seconded by Mr. Jenkins the minutes from the July 6, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

Mrs. Bosley requested approval to apply a tax credit to the outstanding 2013/2014 taxes on a parcel in the Town of Corinth by removing the unpaid water that was relieved for those years along with penalties and interest. The parcel is owned by Amy LeClair and Jason Bradway. The credit will be \$503.12 for 2013. The credit will be \$464.31 for 2014. This parcel is located in the Town of Corinth but water is supplied by the Village of Corinth. The Town did not realize the water had been turned off for this property. The Town passed a resolution which was received along with a letter from Supervisor Lucia asking for this credit.

On a motion by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Martin a tax credit was approved in the amount of \$967.43 on a property owned by Amy LaClair and Jason Bradway for the 2013/2014 years.

Mr. Collyer said there were three requests for second pulls from the September auction. Two of these requests are from Clifton Park: one from Theresa Murphy and one from Karen Kinns.

Mr. Barrett said he has explained to both individuals that in order to grant a second pull the current year's taxes need to be paid by noon the day of the auction. Mr. Murphy has a certified check in the amount of the current taxes owed. Mr. Toroni is in attendance representing Ms. Kinns. He has some of the funds with him but needs a couple days to get the full amount.

On a motion by Mr. Lunde, seconded by Mr. Jenkins the request for second pulls on the two parcels in the Town of Clifton Park pending receipt of the current taxes due by Noon on September 15, 2015 was unanimously approved.

Mr. Collyer said the third request for a second pull is from the Town of Milton for a parcel owned by Jennifer Quinn. Mr. Lewza is working with the individual with regards to an employment issue. The current taxes have been paid and is looking to pay her 2013 taxes.

On a motion by Mr. Lent, seconded by Mr. Ziegler the request for a second pull on the parcel in the Town of Milton pending receipt of the current taxes due by Noon on September 15, 2015 was unanimously approved.

Mrs. Baker said there were two tender offers received. One from the Town of Malta in the amount of \$4,256.80 and one from the Town of Saratoga in the amount of \$10,069.36.

On a motion by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Jenkins the two tender offers, Town of Malta in the amount of \$4,526.80 and the Town of Saratoga in the amount of \$10,069.36, were unanimously accepted/approved.

Mrs. Baker asked that a section be added to the Equalization and Assessment Policies and Procedures regarding forms of payment. This request is being made due to two checks that were received and were returned not for insufficient funds but it was a foreign bank with a special process. She said there were additional fees that they wanted taken out of the check. Once those fees would have been removed it would have been considered a partial payment. The Treasurer's Office does not take partial payments.

The new section would be as follows: 'Payments of real property taxes to the County Treasurer must be in US funds in the form of cash, money order or check drawn on a U.S. bank. The County Treasurer may at his or her discretion, require such payments to be made with bank-certified funds if prior payments have been returned and/or dishonored for any reason by the bank upon which they were drawn.'

Mr. Martin asked if the Treasurer's Office will be able to collect on the difference that was incurred. Mrs. Baker said the office is still working on that.

On a motion by Mr. Lent, seconded by Mr. Martin the Equalization and Assessment Policies and Procedures will be amended to add the new section "Forms of Payment". Unanimous.

Mr. Collyer said that as a reminder the County Land Auction will be held Tuesday, September 15, 2015. Registration will begin at 5pm with the auction starting at 6pm. He said there will be a special meeting at 3pm that day to consider tender offers received and any requests for a second pull. Mrs. Bosley said there will be a different auctioneer this time. The room has also been reconfigured to accommodate more people.

On a motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Wood the meeting was unanimously adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela A. Wright, Clerk