

Equalization and Assessment Committee Minutes
March 7, 2016 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Collyer; Supervisors Congdon, DeLucia, Raymond, Richardson, Szczepaniak, Veitch, Kinowski and Wright; Spencer Hellwig, Administrator; Joanne Bosley, Chris Aldrich, Real Property; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Cindy Baker, Andrew Jarosh, Treasurer; Therese Connelly, Administrator's Office; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Szczepaniak the minutes of the February 1, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Dorsey said he has received a resolution from the Town of Halfmoon to purchase two properties that are on the auction list. He said both of the properties are trail parcels.

Mr. Dorsey said the taxes for parcel number 266.12-1-9.2 are \$900.40, and for parcel 266.12-1-52, they are \$843.69. He said, in addition, the Town of Halfmoon would be responsible for the payment of the 2016 Town and County taxes.

A motion was made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Richardson to approve a resolution from the Town of Halfmoon for the purchase of two parcels from the county auction; parcel 266.12-1-9.2 and 266.12-1-52 for the amount of the delinquent taxes, penalties and interest. Unanimous.

Mrs. Baker requested approval of the following tender offers:

- Town of Clifton Park \$19,409.10
- Town of Endginburg \$ 2,803.86
- Town of Galway \$ 9,297.97
- Town of Greenfield \$42,222.70
- Town of Malta \$ 2,443.07
- Town of Saratoga \$ 3,188.97

Totaling \$106,987.77

A motion was made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Veitch to approve the above outlined tender offers for a total of \$106,987.77. Unanimous.

Mr. Collyer said there would be a special meeting for consideration of second pulls on March 15th at 2:45p.m., in the Board Committee Room.

Mrs. Bosley said there are 542 parcels in the county where there is a cold war veteran's exemption on the property. She said the county adopted level A, which is a 15% exemption, with \$12,000 as the maximum, and is adjusted by each municipality's equalization rate. For county purposes the median savings would be \$28.75. She said the exemption is effective for 10 years.

Mr. Collyer said at past E&A meetings there have been discussions about looking to an outside vendor to handle future county auctions. Mr. Collyer announced the formation of a subcommittee to research to idea further. The following people were assigned to the subcommittee:

- Mr. Jarosh
- Mr. Richardson
- Mr. Veitch
- Mr. Dorsey
- Mrs. Bosley
- Mr. Collyer

Mr. Dorsey said the EPA has obtained \$900,000 in funding in the last year for work to be done at the infirmary in Providence. Mr. Paul Kahn, the EPA on site coordinator, has estimated that they may need an additional \$800,000 to complete the project as there was an estimate that there is 700 tons of asbestos located on site, which was before they entered the upper floors of the building.

Mr. Collyer said that the EPA would be taking care of all expenses.

On a motion made by Ms. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Richardson the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom