

Equalization and Assessment Committee Minutes
February 13, 2017 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Dan Pemrick; Supervisors Phil Barrett, John Collyer, Peter Martin, Matt Veitch and Tom Wood; Spencer Hellwig, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Joanne Bosley, Chris Aldrich, Real Property; Andrew Jarosh, Cindy Baker, Treasurer.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Collyer, seconded by Mr. Veitch, the minutes of the January 9, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Pemrick thanked Mr. Collyer for running the meeting in January in his absence. Mr. Pemrick announced the appointment of Mr. Collyer as the Committee Vice-Chair.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Martin, to authorize the sale of a Halfmoon parcel on the County's March auction list to the Town of Halfmoon to be utilized for stormwater management. Unanimous.

Mr. Dorsey said that the parcel in question is 279.10-2-16, this is a parcel in the Westbrook subdivision that was owned by Paulson Development Company. The company was supposed to convey the parcel to the Town of Halfmoon for stormwater management purposes but did not get around to it. The Town of Halfmoon would still like to acquire the parcel. Under the E&A Policies and Procedures, the municipality can make a purchase offer which must be for the amount of the delinquent taxes, penalties and interest. The Town sent a notice to the owner on January 10, 2017 advising their intent to purchase the property. A tender offer has not been received by Paulson Development, so the committee can move forward.

A motion was made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Wood, to authorize a correction of a 2017 county/town tax bill in the amount of \$3,811.96 for a parcel in the Town of Halfmoon owned by the Clifton Park Church of Christ to remove special district charges for ambulance, fire and library and authorize a correction of a 2017 county/town tax bill in the amount of \$11,401.07 for a parcel in the Town of Halfmoon owned by the Halfmoon Materials Group, LLC to remove an improvement that was not in existence. Unanimous.

Mrs. Bosley said that the first parcel (272.10-1-21) has a church and an office building on the property. In the past the office building was rented out however effective the 2016 assessment roll, the parcel is no longer being rented and the entire parcel became wholly exempt. The assessor failed to make the ambulance, fire and library districts exempt.

Mrs. Bosley said that the second parcel (279.-2-23.23) was assessed with an improvement that was not in existence causing the 2016 school bill to have an incorrect taxable assessed value. The parcel was assessed at \$434,400 and should have been assessed at \$81,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Veitch, to authorize the acceptance of tender offers for one parcel in the Town of Greenfield totaling \$9,337.96, three parcels in

the Town of Milton totaling \$127,230.48 and one parcel in the Town of Moreau totaling \$4,597.49. Unanimous.

Mrs. Baker said that the total amount for all five parcels is \$141,165.93.

Mr. Dorsey said that they expect additional tender offers between today's meeting and the Board Meeting which is scheduled for February 28, 2017. He asked the committee if they would like to roll any additional tender offers that may come in into the same resolution. All committee members approved.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Deputy Clerk of the Board