

Equalization and Assessment Committee Minutes
September 11, 2017 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Dan Pemrick; Supervisors Phil Barrett, John Collyer, Peter Martin, Kevin Tollisen, Matt Veitch, Tom Wood and Chairman of the Board Ed Kinowski; Spencer Hellwig, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Joanne Bosley, Chris Aldrich, Real Property; Andrew Jarosh, Cindy Baker, Treasurer; Larry Devoe, Joy Devoe, Devoe's Rainbow Orchards.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Wood, the minutes of the July 10, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mrs. Bosley distributed a handout indicating proposed changes to the back of the 2018 County Tax bill. Under line item #5, wording was changed from Tax Collector to Assessor. Under line item # 9, changes were made to reflect that STAR credits must now be registered for online with the NYS Department of Taxation & Finance at www.tax.ny.gov. Under item #10, changes pertain to people aged 65 or older as of December 31, notifying them that they may be eligible for the Enhanced STAR exemption. Enhanced STAR exemptions must be applied for with the local assessor by March 1. New homeowners in the area that are over the age of 65 must register online for basic STAR credit with the NYS Department of Taxation & Finance as mentioned in item #9. Recently Mechanicville passed a local law to change their taxable status date from June 1 to March 1. Item # 9 will also change the words probably eligible to maybe eligible.

A motion was made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Barrett, to authorize acceptance of tender offers in the Town of Hadley for \$14,403.24 and the Town of Malta for \$14,451.10. Unanimous.

Mrs. Baker distributed a handout listing the details of the tender offers in the towns. Mrs. Baker said that these tender offers reduce the number of parcels in the auction to 28.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Martin, to approve the request for a second pull in the Town of Halfmoon pending receipt of the current taxes due by September 19, 2017. Unanimous.

Mr. Tollisen addressed the committee to request the approval of the second pull for Devoe's Rainbow Orchard. Mr. Tollisen introduced Larry Devoe and his daughter Joy Devoe who have owned and operated the orchard for generations. Over the past few years they have experienced difficult financial times. They have since made some expansions to their business and have just been approved as a U Haul supplier, they are hoping that their apple crop this year is successful.

A motion was made by Mr. Collyer, seconded by Mr. Wood, to set the time and date for the special meeting of the Equalization & Assessment Committee to September 19, 2017 at 3:30pm. Unanimous.

Mr. Pemrick said that the special meeting will be held for any additional tender offers prior to the auction.

Mr. Dorsey said that taxes owed on the Llenroc Mansion in Clifton Park were recently paid. They were five years behind in their taxes and were in bankruptcy procedures so the County was unable to proceed with the foreclosure. They recently came out of bankruptcy and were on the list of parcels to foreclose on this year. In the past, notices sent in the mail were returned as undelivered. Mr. Dorsey had a Deputy post a foreclosure notice on the door and shortly thereafter the payment was received in the Treasurer's office for almost \$515K.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Deputy Clerk of the Board