

Real Property Tax Committee Minutes
May 7, 2018 – 2:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Dan Pemrick; Supervisors Tara Gaston, Scott Ostrander, Jean Raymond, Jon Schopf, Sandra Winney and Tom Wood; Chad Cooke, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Chris Schall, Auditor; Joanne Bosley, Chris Aldrich, Audra Hedden, Real Property.

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

On a motion made by Ms. Winney, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, the minutes of the April 9, 2018 meeting were approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Ms. Gaston, to declare Tax Parcel #68.9-1-66.21 to be a worthless property and cancelling taxes. Unanimous.

Mr. Dorsey distributed a map of the parcel and a draft resolution. It is a series of dirt roads in the Town of Edinburg. Mr. Dorsey said that the county has a policy not to foreclose on roads unless the local Town indicates that they would like to take ownership. Mr. Dorsey said that Mrs. Raymond has expressed that she is not interested in taking title to the parcel. The taxes currently due amount to \$254.69.

A motion was made by Mr. Schopf, seconded by Mr. Ostrander, to authorize a tax credit on outstanding taxes owed to the County for tax years 2017 and 2018 for relieved water and sewer charges that were erroneously charged to a vacant parcel in the Town of Waterford. Unanimous.

Mrs. Bosley distributed a handout detailing the taxes due. Per the assessor, an unpaid water charge was input on the 2017 county and town tax bill in error and the unpaid water and sewer charge on the 2018 county and town tax bill in error. The parcel is coded as residential vacant land and the unpaid water and sewer charges should have been applied to the neighboring parcel. Total credit is in the amount of \$529.05

A motion was made by Mr. Schopf, seconded by Ms. Winney, to authorize the denial of a request by a former property owner for a tax payment refund for a property that was previously sold at auction. Unanimous.

Mrs. Bosley said that the applicant is asking to be refunded for the 2018 taxes that were paid on March 23, 2018 in the amount of \$1,176.62. Payment was made online to the Town of Wilton after the property was purchased at the March 20, 2018 auction. Real Property Tax Law does not allow for a refund in this situation. Mr. Dorsey said that he spoke with the successful bidder of the property this morning, the successful bidder said that he spoke with the prior property owner and said that he will be personally reimbursing the 2018 taxes paid.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Deputy Clerk of the Board