

Real Property Tax Committee Minutes
February 11, 2019 – 2:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Dan Pemrick; Committee Members Tara Gaston, Scott Ostrander, Tom Richardson, Sandra Winney, Tom Wood; Chad Cooke, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Joanne Bosley, Chris Aldrich, Real Property; Craig Hayner, Christine Rush, County Clerk.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Richardson, the minutes of the January 7, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Gaston, seconded by Mrs. Winney, to authorize correcting 2019 town and county tax bills for two (2) parcels in the Town of Clifton Park and one parcel in the Town of Halfmoon to remove re-levied school taxes due to a bank error. Unanimous.

Mrs. Bosley distributed handouts detailing the corrections. All of the properties are in the Shenendehowa school district. The payments were made via the bank on October 1, 2018 however the payments were not forwarded to the School District until December 19, 2018. This resulted in the taxes and penalties being re-levied on the 2019 tax bill.

The corrections are as follows:

Town of Clifton Park, SBL# 277.9-3-7	Original Tax \$6,671.32, Corrected tax \$1,618.75
Town of Clifton Park, SBL# 277.15-3-23.1	Original Tax \$7,306.63, Corrected tax \$1,859.66
Town of Halfmoon, SBL# 266.19-1-13	Original Tax \$5,400.72, Corrected tax \$1,401.57

A motion was made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Wood, to authorize a correction to remove a special assessment charge on a parcel in the Town of Greenfield. Unanimous.

Mrs. Bosley distributed a handout detailing the correction. The Town of Greenfield adopted a Resolution in November 2017 to demolish an unsafe building and remove debris from a property. The County was not notified until December 2017 and at that time it was too late to get on the 2018 bill. In the meantime, in October 2018 the property was purchased and the lien amount was discovered by the new owner. The Town of Greenfield had failed to file the Lis Pendens with the Saratoga County Clerk's office regarding the lien/special assessment charge of \$5,395.37.

A motion was made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Ms. Gaston, to approving the Auditor's 2018 Fourth Quarter Report. Unanimous.

Mr. Schall distributed a copy of the report. There were 21 refunds approved by the Auditor's office during the fourth quarter of 2018 for a total of \$2,121.98.

For the entirety of 2018 the refunds and corrections equal \$12,163.98. In 2017 the total equaled \$13,780.87 and in 2016 the total equaled \$12,163.98.

Mr. Dorsey gave an update on the Former County Infirmity property in Providence. A meeting was held on January 31, 2019 in Providence Town hall with Auctions International, Supervisor Winney, Chairman Pemrick, County Treasurer and staff. Auctions International is willing to sell the property via an online auction. The auction would be held in August, beginning around August 1 and continuing through August 26th. The firm said that many of the bids are last minute bids. They will advertise nationwide. After the meeting, they briefly viewed the parcel in person. The cost would be no charge to the County, as a 5% bidders premium would be charged to the winning bidder. There is no reserve amount planned for the sale.

A motion was made by Ms. Gaston, seconded by Mrs. Winney, to authorize conveyance of a tax parcel to the Town of Malta (217.15-1-97). Unanimous.

Mr. Dorsey distributed a map of the parcel. The parcel is a small triangle parcel at the intersection of East High Street and Damascus Way. The town have passed a resolution agreeing to take title of the property. There is no cost to the town other than the recording fees.

A motion was made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. Wood, to authorize conveyance of a tax parcel to the Town of Malta (250-1-43.12). Unanimous.

Mr. Dorsey said that this parcel was formerly owned by the Clifton Knolls Water Works. The parcel was foreclosed upon in December. Clifton Knolls Water Works was taken over by the Clifton Park Water Authority. The parcel is currently #41 on the Auction list and the Town would like to acquire it. The town has adopted a resolution approving the purchase. The Town of Malta seek to acquire the parcel for the purposes of acquiring control over a failing drainage grate and related infrastructure and as a staging area connected with repairs and maintenance. The town will be paying the delinquent taxes, penalties and interest. The town is in the process of notifying the previous owner of their intent to purchase the property.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Deputy Clerk of the Board