

Real Property Tax Committee Minutes
November 9, 2020 – 2:30 p.m.

Present: Chairwoman Sandra Winney; Committee Members Tara Gaston, Tom Wood, Benny Zlotnick; Chad Cooke, Matt Rose, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Anna Stanko, Real Property Tax; Andrew Jarosh, Terri Wrisley, Treasurer.

Chairwoman Winney called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Mr. Zlotnick, seconded by Ms. Gaston, the minutes of the October 5, 2020 meeting were approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Zlotnick, seconded by Mr. Wood, to authorize the acceptance of \$89,892.29 in pre-auction tender offers from the Towns of Corinth, Greenfield, Malta and Stillwater. Unanimous.

A handout detailing the tender offers was distributed. There were eight tender offers received since the last Real Property Tax meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Gaston, seconded by Mr. Zlotnick, authorizing the acceptance of any additional tender offers between today and the November Board Meeting. Unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Zlotnick, committee approval of the Auction Terms & Conditions. Unanimous.

Mr. Dorsey said that they have put together the Terms & Conditions which have been worked on for several weeks. This is the first online property Auction and is therefore different from what they are used to. A copy of the Terms & Conditions was emailed out to all committee members. Mr. Dorsey said that the auction will be run for 15 days. Mr. Dorsey said that pulls will be allowed up to the end of December 1st. The auction starts closing out parcel by parcel on December 2nd at 10am until they are all done. The payment terms and conditions have changed to allow for credit card payments for deposits. Auctions International have their online bidder packets and absentee bidder packets on the website. Mr. Dorsey encouraged all to take a look at their website. Mr. Dorsey said that they have put in a warning that if someone purchases a residential property with an occupied home, they are prohibited from evicting the person until the Governor lifts his executive order prohibiting residential evictions. Mr. Dorsey said that Auctions International are pretty strict about identifying who their bidders are, and what they require in the way of identification. Mr. Dorsey said that the County has done assignments in the past, whereby someone purchases the property and then assigns the property to someone else's name. Auctions International will not be doing this service. The purchaser can come in and do it at a later date. Mr. Dorsey said that the County will continue to collect the recording fee to record the deed, we will prepare the deed. Any personal property left in the home will be the responsibility of the buyer to make arrangements with the former owner to take possession of. Mr. Dorsey said that Auctions International have signed off on the new Terms and Conditions.

A motion was made by Mr. Zlotnick, seconded by Mr. Wood, to set the time and date for a special meeting of the Real Property Tax Committee for December 1, 2020 at 4:00pm. Unanimous.

Mr. Dorsey said that this meeting will be held to allow for any second pull requests if necessary, prior to closing out the Auction on the morning of December 2nd 2020. All second pull requests require committee approval along with payment of the 2020 taxes.

Ms. Stanko gave a quick report on activities in the Real Property Office. Ms. Stanko said that this is the time of year when they begin to get Town budgets. People in her office will be busy over the next month calculating the Town's portion of the levy. Ms. Stanko said that if anyone has time over the month of December to give her a call and stop into the office. They are printing 100K tax bills, having them folded and stuffed. All of the budgets are double checked prior to printing the bills, and it's an amazing process done by two women.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Deputy Clerk of the Board