

Real Property Tax Committee Minutes
February 7, 2023 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Scott Ostrander; Committee Members Philip Barrett, Mo Wright.

Absent: Diana Edwards, Jack Lawler,

Steve Bulger, Ridge Harris, Audra Hedden, Stephanie Hodgson, Matt Rose, County Administrator; Michelle Granger, Michael Naughton, County Attorney; Julie Bosley, Auditor; Anna Stanko, Real Property; Andrew Jarosh, Chris Schall, Terri Wrisley, Treasurer; Craig Hayner, County Clerk.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Barrett, the minutes of the November 1, 2022 meeting were approved unanimously.

Chairman Ostrander announced the appointment of Mr. Barrett as Committee Vice Chair.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Wright, to authorize committee approval of the 2022 Year End Report. Unanimous.

Mr. Schall provided an overview of the report which was attached to the agenda.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Wright, to authorize the establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund to finance the investigation of contaminated real property to be acquired by the County by Tax Foreclosure, and authorizing the transfer of funds. Unanimous.

\$100,000 of the surplus from the tax foreclosure proceedings will go towards the fund in 2023. Thereafter, up to ten percent for future foreclosure proceeds would go towards the fund, with a cap at \$150,000. Mr. Naughton provide a brief explanation of the process for investigations of properties with petroleum contamination. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Barrett, to authorize corrected tax bills in the towns of Clifton Park and Waterford. Unanimous.

Six parcels required corrected tax bills, two in Clifton Park and four in Waterford.

A motion was made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Wright, to introduce a proposed Local Law amending Local Law No. 3 of 2006 and setting a public hearing. Unanimous.

Mrs. Stanko reviewed the different options available to revise the real property tax law relating to volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers which were attached to the agenda. The committee included all options in the revised local law.

A motion was made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Barrett, to set the dates for the 2023 Real Property Tax Auction. Unanimous.

The auction will be an online auction to commence on Monday, March 13, 2023, at 12:00pm and will close on Friday, March 24, 2023, at 12:00pm.

Mr. Jarosh informed the committee that Supervisors can pull parcels from the auction block up until the close of business on the Friday before the auction begins.

On a motion made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Wright, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Bridget Rider
Deputy Clerk of the Board