

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS & REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES

DATE: MARCH 18, 2019

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: OTHERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS BRAYMER
SIMPSON
STROUGH
MCDEVITT
MERLINO
LOEB
HOGAN
HYDE

LEXIE DELUREY, DIRECTOR, REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES
RONALD F. CONOVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
FRANK THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER

SUPERVISORS BEATY
DIAMOND
GERAGHTY
LEGGETT

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR DICKINSON

SOKOL
WILD
MICHAEL SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER
TRAVIS WHITEHEAD, TOWN OF QUEENSBURY RESIDENT
DON LEHMAN, *POST STAR*
LESLIE LOVELACE, SECRETARY TO THE CLERK OF THE BOARD

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the March 18, 2019 meeting of the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee; the meeting in its entirety can be viewed on the Warren County website using the following link:

<http://www.warrencountyny.gov/gov/comm/Archive/2019/environmental/>

Ms. Braymer called the meeting of Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services to order at 10:02 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Loeb, seconded by Mr. Merlino and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the previous Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Lexie Delurey, *Director, Real Property Tax Services*, who distributed copies of the agenda to Committee members; *a copy of the agenda is on file with the minutes.*

Commencing the agenda review, Ms. Delurey presented the following requests:

- 1) To authorize a new contract with Constructive Copy for bulk printing of town and County tax maps.

Following some discussion, motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Strough and carried unanimously to approve the request and the necessary resolution was authorized for the April 19th Board meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

- 2) To authorize the Chairman of the Warren County Board of Supervisors to execute an agreement with NYS DEC (*New York State Department of Environmental Conservation*) in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for removal of underground storage tanks located on Town of Chester Tax Map Parcel No. 104.10-4-5; and
- 3) To authorize the appropriation of funds in the amount of \$10,000 from Budget Code A.893.00, Reserve, Environmental Testing Fund, to Budget Code A.1355 470, Real

Property Tax Services, Contract, to pay the County portion of the NYS DEC cleanup on Town of Chester Tax Map Parcel No. 104.10-4-5.

Mary Elizabeth Kissane, *County Attorney*, apprised the amount not to exceed that she received from a NYSDEC representative was \$15,000; \$5,000 for the clean up and an amount not to exceed \$10,000 for removal.

A brief discussion ensued in regards to the amount of funds needed for the clean up.

Michael Swan, *County Treasurer*, apprised the funds could not be transferred until after approval at the April 19th Board Meeting so if the amount needed to be amended it could be done at the Board meeting. Ms. Braymer advised Amanda Allen, *Clerk of the Board*, had indicated to her the resolution would need to be approved through the Finance Committee and clarification on the total not to exceed amount could be clarified before that meeting.

Mr. Leggett commended Ms. Delurey for her efforts on this project, as it had been abandoned for several years and the Town of Chester was eager for clean up to take place.

Motion was made by Mr. Simpson, seconded by Mr. Merlino and carried unanimously to approve the aforementioned requests as outlined above; the necessary resolution was authorized for the April 19th Board meeting for Item 2 and Item 3 was referred to the Finance Committee. *Copies of the resolution request forms are on file with the minutes. Note: subsequent to the meeting it was confirmed that the not to exceed amount would be \$10,000, as presented by Ms. Delurey.*

Ms. Braymer continued with the Information for Discussion/Review section, and requested Mr. Geraghty provide an introduction to the proposed modifications to the Warren County Real Estate Auction 2018 Terms and Conditions of Sale. Mr. Geraghty stated next month the Town of Warrensburg Code Enforcement Officer would speak to the Committee in regards to the auction property sales that languish after the purchase. Ms. Delurey stated in her agenda she had included copies of a resolution drafted by the County Attorney's office in the Fall of 2018, a copy of the resolution which had been amended and a current copy of the terms and conditions of sale. Mr. Loeb inquired what prompted the proposed modification and Mr. Merlino replied he and other Town supervisors had requested the modification due to town properties purchased through the County Auction being kept in poor condition, leaving the towns with limited options to address them; he said this was an effort to address these issues and prevent the same issues from happening in the future.

A brief discussion ensued in regards to dilapidated buildings purchased through property foreclosure auctions.

Ms. Delurey apprised the matter was more a Code Enforcement issue than it was Real Property and suggested inviting Charles Wallace, *Administrator, Fire Prevention & Building Code Enforcement*, to the meeting as well for the discussion.

Ms. Braymer extended privilege of the floor to Tammie DeLorenzo, *Assistant to the County Administrator*, to provide an update on the New York State Septic System Replacement Program. Ms. DeLorenzo stated the County was in the process of reviewing the report from Chris Navitsky, *Lake George Waterkeeper*, and planned to meet with him, as well as with Glen Lake Association to review bodies of water with public access, noting it was not restricted to Lake George and she requested any organizations with data on water quality for lakes and rivers in

Warren County to submit them to her office, as it would be helpful information to present to NYSDEC. She said Upstate Counties were receiving up to \$200,000, with up to \$10,000 for each project; therefore, she said, the collection of data was used to help determine which project would make the most difference for the amount of money received.

Mr. McDevitt inquired if there was an update on the Bay Road property in the Town of Queensbury and Ms. Delurey replied in the negative.

Ms. Braymer asked Mr. Swan to provide an update on the environmental testing reserve balance; Mr. Swan apprised there was just over \$200,000 in the fund currently and he noted there was no contribution from the last auction, as there was not enough money made.

There being no further business to come before the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee, on motion made by Mr. McDevitt and seconded by Mr. Loeb, Ms. Braymer adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Lovelace, Secretary to the Clerk of the Board