

WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COMMITTEE: ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS & REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES

DATE: AUGUST 19, 2019

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

SUPERVISORS: BRAYMER
SIMPSON
STROUGH
MCDEVITT
MERLINO
LOEB
HOGAN
HYDE

OTHERS PRESENT:

LEXIE DELUREY, DIRECTOR OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES
RONALD F. CONOVER, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD
ROBERT TERWILLIGER, FIRST ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY
FRANK E. THOMAS, BUDGET OFFICER
SUPERVISORS GERAGHTY
MAGOWAN
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY
ADMINISTRATOR
MICHAEL SWAN, COUNTY TREASURER
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

COMMITTEE MEMBER ABSENT:

SUPERVISOR: DICKINSON

Please note, the following contains a summarization of the August 19, 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 the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Service Committee to order at 10:56 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. McDevitt, seconded by Ms. Hogan and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2019 Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

Motion was made by Mr. Loeb, seconded by Mr. Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2019 Last Chance Committee meeting, subject to correction by the Clerk of the Board.

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

Ms. Delurey provided an update from the Last Chance meeting informing Cynthia Hickin, *Town of Warrensburg Resident*, was going to sell her property, Lauren Carroll, *Town of Queensbury Resident*, was working with an attorney to discuss what to do and where to go moving forward and William Szabo, *Town of Queensbury Resident*, had contacted the Treasurer's Office regarding an installment agreement that he would present to his attorney, but he had yet to pick up the information.

Returning to the agenda review, Ms. Delurey notified National Grid was interested in Town of Queensbury Tax Map Parcel No. 308.8-1-56, Burnt Hills Drive, for the purchase price of \$10.00. Mr. Strough remarked

when the subdivision was designed they had left that parcel out. Ms. Delurey notified the land should have been deeded to National Grid previously through a development project, but it was never done. Ms. Braymer inquired who paid the closing costs and Ms. Delurey answered National Grid would be responsible for them.

Motion was made by Mr. Loeb, seconded by Mr. McDevitt and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the September 20th Board Meeting.

Regarding the Town of Queensbury Tax Map Parcel No. 302.8-1-2, Ms. Delurey mentioned this was the former Mullen property on Bay Road. She indicated she received a letter from ATL (*Atlantic Testing Laboratories*) which included the preliminary testing results, advising the roof, window calk and glazings, along with the insulation in the bay doors, contained asbestos. She mentioned ATL had to return to the site for a second time, and she anticipated receiving a detailed report any day now. Mr. Strough inquired if ATL mentioned if the asbestos was friable or non-friable, explaining friable meant the asbestos could be airborne and non-friable meant the asbestos was contained; he also questioned why they required a second visit and Ms. Delurey replied she would inquire about this. Mr. McDevitt questioned who was responsible for demolishing the building and Ms. Delurey replied the County did not own the property, adding the Town of Queensbury could condemn the property and then they would be responsible for the demolition. She commented any asbestos in the ground was not a concern because it could be encapsulated with pavement. Mr. Strough suggested paving the area for a parking lot along the bike path, apprising there was potential grant money for public use and community effort. Mr. McDevitt asked if the County Treasurer had a fund that could be used to demolish the building and Michael Swan, *County Treasurer*, replied they had a fund for testing but he was not sure whether it could be used for demolition. A brief discussion ensued, following which it was decided to release an RFP (*Request for Proposal*) for demolition of the building once they received the detailed report from ATL.

Next Ms. Delurey spoke regarding Town of Chester Tax Map Parcel No. 104.10-4-5, located on Pine Street, informing there had been an agreement drawn up to remove two tanks with no liability to the County for the amount of \$2,500. A brief conversation ensued.

Following, Ms. Delurey presented a request to authorize the Chairman of the Warren County Board of Supervisors to execute an agreement with NY Environmental Protection and Spill Compensation Fund in the amount of \$2,500 to clean up and remove two tanks from Town of Chester Tax Map Parcel No. 104.10-4-5.

Motion was made by Ms. Hogan, seconded by Mr. Strough and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the September 20th Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Concluding her agenda review, Ms. Delurey presented a request for an appropriation of funds from Budget Code A.893.00 Reserve, *Environmental Testing Fund* to Budget Code A.1355.470, *Real Property Tax Services, Contracts*, in the amount of \$2,500, for the removal of two tanks from Town of Chester Tax Map Parcel No. 104.10-4-5.

Motion was made by Ms. Hogan, seconded by Mr. Strough and carried unanimously to approve the request

as outlined above and refer same to the Finance Committee. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Regarding the Environmental Concerns portion of the agenda review, Ms. Braymer indicated this pertained to discussion on the Clean Lakes Collaboration. Mr. Strough inquired if there was a written resolution to review and Ms. Braymer replied it was provided in the agenda packet last month; she indicated she would like the Committee to pass the resolution today. Mr. Simpson asked if there were copies of the resolution available for review at today's meeting and Ms. Braymer replied in the negative. Ms. Braymer read aloud the suggested resolution provided last month. Mr. Merlino inquired if this pertained to a district or the entire County and Ms. Braymer replied it referred only to Lake George. Mr. Simpson opined he would be more in favor of a resolution encompassing all of the waterbodies in Warren County. Following some discussion, Ms. Braymer suggested that the Committee approve the draft resolution provided to them and noted she would draft another resolution which would comprehensively cover all of the lakes in Warren County, as well as the Hudson River, for review at the next Committee meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Strough, seconded by Mr. Simpson and carried unanimously to approve the suggested Memorandum of Understanding to establish a Clean Lakes Collaboration dedicated to protecting New York State's most vital and threatened assets and the necessary resolution was authorized for the September 20th Board Meeting. *A copy of the draft resolution provided at the July 22, 2019 Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee meeting is on file with the meeting minutes.*

Regarding the County-wide Septic Inspection Program, Tammie DeLorenzo, *Assistant to the County Administrator*, informed she would provide updated information once she received it.

Ms. Braymer notified there would be a Climate Smart Task Force meeting in October.

As there was no further business to come before the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Service Committee, on motion made by Mr. Strough and seconded by Mr. Simpson, Ms. Braymer adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist