

**WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COMMITTEE: ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS & REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES**

**DATE: NOVEMBER 19, 2019**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

SUPERVISORS: BRAYMER  
STROUGH  
MCDEVITT  
MERLINO  
LOEB  
HYDE

**Others Present:**

LEXIE DELUREY, DIRECTOR OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES  
RYAN MOORE, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
MARY ELIZABETH KISSANE, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
AMANDA ALLEN, CLERK OF THE BOARD  
SUPERVISORS BEATY  
DRISCOLL  
MAGOWAN  
SOKOL  
CHRIS BELDEN, ASSISTANT COUNTY PLANNER  
KEVIN HAJOS, SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
JAMES LIEBERUM, DISTRICT MANAGER, SOIL AND WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
TAMMIE DELORENZO, ASSISTANT TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
DON LEHMAN, *THE POST STAR*  
THOM RANDALL, *ADIRONDACK JOURNAL*  
MOLLY GANOTES-GLEASON, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE SPECIALIST

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**

SUPERVISORS: SIMPSON  
DICKINSON  
HOGAN

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*Please note, the following contains a summarization of the November 19, 2019 meeting of the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Service 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 Services Committee to order at 11:55 a.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Merlino, seconded by Mr. Loeb 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 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.*

Commencing her agenda review, Ms. Delurey spoke regarding the Mullen's property located on Bay Road in the Town of Queensbury, notifying she had received the clean up plan from ATL (*Atlantic Testing Labs*) and work on the RFP (*Request for Proposal*) would commence the second week of December with the bids opening January 16, 2020.

Concluding her agenda review, Ms. Delurey apprised NYSDEC (*New York State Department of Environmental Conservation*) signed an agreement to remove fuel tanks from the ground at 10 Pine Street in the Town of Chester.

Privilege of the floor was extended to Chris Belden, *Assistant County Planner*, who spoke regarding the Environmental Concerns portion of the agenda review. He suggested establishing energy benchmarking requirements for Warren County by of May 1, 2020 for buildings that were 1,000 square feet or more.

Ms. Braymer asked Kevin Hajos, *Superintendent of Public Works*, if he was aware of the energy efficiency of the

Municipal Center Building and Mr. Hajos replied the upgraded lighting in the building was 50% complete and the last time the windows were replaced was in 1982 or 1983, adding efficiencies had changed since then.

Motion was made by Mr. Loeb seconded by Mr. Strough and carried unanimously to establish energy benchmarking requirements for certain Warren County buildings and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 20<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Next, Mr. Belden presented a request to authorize a grant application to NYSERDA (New York State Energy Research and Development Authority) for an amount of funding to be determined for the purpose of conducting energy performance audits of Warren County Municipal Buildings. He indicated the grant had a 50% match, adding they had to find a consultant before they could apply for funding. Mr. Moore inquired what the cost was and Mr. Belden replied \$16,000. Mr. Hajos recommended including other County buildings, advising FlexTech had certified consultants. Mr. Loeb asked what the difference was between the two requests and Mr. Belden answered benchmarking was gathering the data and the audit included contracting with a consultant.

Motion was made by Mr. Strough, seconded by Mr. McDevitt and carried unanimously to approve the request as outlined above and the necessary resolution was authorized for the December 20, 2019 Board Meeting. *A copy of the resolution request form is on file with the minutes.*

Concluding his portion of the agenda review, Mr. Belden provided a Power Point presentation entitled “Septic Inspection Upon Property Transfer” and answered questions posed by the Committee. Ms. Braymer suggested that private residents have their septic inspected upon the transfer of property.

Mr. Merlino exited the meeting at 12:31 p.m.

Ms. Braymer suggested developing a sub-committee to discuss septic inspections further. She said she did not want to pre-empt any current Town laws. She asked what water bodies should be discussed and the distance from them. Mr. Strough voiced the septic inspections should be County-wide or multiple Counties-wide.

As there was no further business to come before the Environmental Concerns & Real Property Tax Services Committee, on motion made by Mr. Strough and seconded by Mr. Loeb, Ms. Braymer adjourned the meeting at 12:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Molly Ganotes-Gleason, Legislative Office Specialist