

REAL PROPERTY & ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

January 22, 2009

PRESENT:

Reginald Crowley, Chairman
Richard Keaveney
Valerie Bertram
Bart Delaney, Jr.
John Musall
Douglas McGivney
Roy Brown
Raymond Staats

ABSENT:

Margaret Robertson- notified

ALSO PRESENT:

Alberta Cox, Deputy Clerk
Suzette Booy
Barbara Beaucage
Jean Rhode
Philip Williams

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Chairman Crowley called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Suzette Booy read a memo from Chairman Baer on creating a Sub Committee. Supervisor Keaveney stated that there is a Sub Committee already established and they have held several meetings. The purpose of the Sub Committee is to do a survey on Town consolidation and shared services. All agreed that the Sub Committee should stay the same. P. Williams asked to be on the Sub Committee to represent the Chairman, and that he wants a budget created on the costs. R. Crowley asked to have the Sub Committee let him know when the committee meets and what they are doing.

Suzette Booy stated that Supervisor Staats approached her about the possibility of collecting the Town & County Taxes in installments and asked for discussion at the meeting. Stated that Tax Collectors can currently accept partial payments during the months of January and April for a minimum of 1/3 of the tax due. After a partial payment has been made, interest & penalties shall be charged against the unpaid balance only. Any interest/penalties that are collected by the Town Tax Collector remain with the Town and are not turned over to the County. Once the unpaid taxes have been turned over to the County Treasurer's Office in June, the taxpayer at that time has the option of setting up a structured payment plan with the County to pay the remainder of their taxes. Supervisors requested S. Booy to contact the County Treasurer to see if he could attend the next meeting, for more discussion.

Resolution Request: Senior Citizen/Limited Income Disability Exemption: Recommend that the County increase the income limits for both of these exemptions by local law with a public hearing set for the February 11th full board meeting. Motion to approve by G. Jahn and seconded by J. Musall, motion carried.

Fire District Taxes: Received numerous phone calls over the past several years from taxpayers questioning the increases in their fire tax levy. One Fire District this year in particular had a levy increase of more than 100%. Supervisors stated that they have no control and recommended calls be referred back to the Fire Commissioners.

NYS Director's Conference: February 9-11th in Albany. Requested permission to attend the Conference. Conference Sessions include: Fundamentals of Tax Mapping; Public Speaking; Public Education & The Real Property Tax; Records Retention; Pre-Decisional Collaboration; RPTL 420a & 420b; CPTAP Study Results. I would like to have our tax map technician attend the session on Fundamentals of Tax Mapping (3 hours) at a cost of \$62.50. Total Cost of the Conference: \$212.50. It is expected that New York State will reimburse the County approximately \$141.00 leaving a balance of \$71.50. Funds are available in our 2009 Budget. Motion to approve by R. Brown seconded by D. McGivney, motion carried.

Supervisor Brown requested an update on the NYS RPS Government Conference she attended in Albany.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by J. Musall and seconded by R. Brown at 6:25 PM, motion carried.