

REAL PROPERTY & ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

July 17, 2008

PRESENT:

Roy Brown, Chairman
Richard Keaveney
Valerie Bertram
Bart Delaney, Jr.
Margaret Robertson
Douglas McGivney
Raymond Staats

ALSO PRESENT:

Gail DiCosmo, Clerk
Suzette Booy
Barbara Beaucage
Philip Williams

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Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

- 1. Software Upgrade:** We would like to upgrade our Tax Mapping Software to AutoCAD Map 3-D 2009. We are currently using AutoCAD 2004. This upgrade was approved by the Computer Committee yesterday, July 17, 2008. The cost is \$9,320.64 which is a savings of \$1,267 from a previous quote. This is budgeted. We must order by the end of the day Friday to lock in at this price. Some advantages to upgrading the software: the tools in the upgraded software will help to increase operational efficiency; we can provide updated maps to Departments that have GIS such as 911, Soil & Water which I believe are currently using MapInfo Maps from 2001 or later; if the County chooses to do so, we may be able to publish the tax maps to the internet, we will be able to connect an excel file of the Final Assessment Roll to the tax maps, motion by D. McGivney, seconded by R. Staats, motion carried.
- 2. Heads Up: Training for upgraded Software:** I would like to send 2 employees to AutoCAD Map 3-D 2009 Training to be held in Albany. It is expected that the training will take place in September. The cost for the training is \$ 1450.00. This is budgeted. Will bring Conference form to August Committee meeting.
- 3. Update:** Consolidated Assessing Study is still being worked on. ORPS had some suggestions that we wanted to incorporate into the Study. We canceled the Special Full Board Meeting that was scheduled for July 16, 2008. We met with ORPS personnel on July 8th. I should have an updated DRAFT from Jay Franklin by the end of this week to review. Once I have reviewed the new DRAFT I will forward it again to ORPS for their review. We hope to have a Full Board presentation of the Study by the end of August.
- 4. New Legislation:** Laws of New York, 2008 Chapter 258 became Law July 7, 2008 amends the Real Property Tax Law by adding Section 495 which states that whenever a County, City, Town, Village, School District prepares a budget, an exemption report shall be annexed to the tentative or preliminary version of that budget and shall become part of the final budget as well. This report shall be on a form prescribed by the State Board (ORPS). I will find out more about this at my Director's Conference 7/28-7/30. I believe that ORPS will create a program that will extract most of the required data from the Assessor's RPS files. However, I'm not sure at this point in time how the cumulative amount expected to be received from recipients of each type of exemption as payments in lieu of taxes or other payments for municipal services will be captured as that data does not currently exist within the RPS system.
- 5. Resolution Request:** Setting the date of Public Hearing on Cold War Veterans Exemption, information on amounts was distributed to members, motion by V. Bertram, seconded by M. Robertson, motion carried.
- 6. Update:** Sales Reports and Final Assessment Roll Data are expected to be posted to the County Website. Both reports will exclude Owner Name and Exemption Information but WILL include Tax Map Number and Property Location. Final Assessment Roll Data will be sorted by Property Location. Sales Report will be sorted by Sale Date.

Transfer of Funds from .4 account to .4 account was approved by D. McGivney, seconded by M. Robertson, motion carried.

Conference Feedback form was reviewed by committee, motion to approve by B. Delaney, Jr, seconded by V. Bertram, motion carried.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn by V. Bertram, seconded by J. Rutkey at 6:19 PM, motion carried.