

Equalization and Assessment Committee Minutes
November 7, 2016 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman John Collyer; Supervisors Vince DeLucia, Jean Raymond, Tom Richardson, Tim Szczepaniak, Matt Veitch and Chairman of the Board Mo Wright; Chad Cooke, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney, Joanne Bosley, Chris Aldrich, Real Property; Andrew Jarosh, Cindy Baker, Treasurer, Craig Hayner, County Clerk.

Chairman Collyer called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Mr. Szczepaniak, seconded by Mr. Richardson the minutes of the October 5, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.

A motion was made by Mrs. Raymond, seconded by Mr. Szczepaniak to authorize the correction of the 2015 and 2016 tax bills in the Town of Ballston and issue a credit in the amount of \$11,631.93. Unanimous.

Mrs. Bosley said that this property is owned by 183-185 Church Ave Realty Corp, SBL # is 216-.14-1-7. This is the property where Augie's Restaurant was formerly located. The restaurant burned down in August of 2013. Effective 2014 assessment roll, the property should have been changed to land only. The past due taxes on the property through 11/30/2016 are \$15,690.29. The corrected tax including re-levied school tax is \$4,058.36.

Mr. Veitch informed the Committee that the City of Saratoga Springs is preparing a resolution to provide a tax exemption for gold star parents. A public hearing has been held but the item has not been voted upon yet. Mr. Veitch has been asked to bring this item to the County to see if this is something the County would consider doing also. Many questions were brought up including what would happen if the parents were divorced, how many parcels in the County would be affected, and if the exemption applies to primary residences or all properties owned by the gold star parents. Mr. Collyer suggested that supervisors email Mr. Veitch with any questions they may have, not only for the County but also for the City. Mrs. Bosley said that gold star parents exemptions usually go in line with the alternate veterans exemption which is 15% for non-combat veteran and 25% for combat veteran on their primary residence only.

Mr. Dorsey said that he has made the motion to County Court to foreclose on unpaid 2014 taxes. Judge Murphy has made the motion returnable for November 30th therefore the County will take title to the properties on November 30th or December 1st. If anyone would like to pay their taxes between that date and the March auction, they will need to make a tender offer. If they do not want to make a tender offer, taxes will need to be paid prior to November 30th at noon.

On a motion made by Mr. Richardson, seconded by Mr. DeLucia the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Legislative Clerk