Equalization and Assessment Committee Minutes
July 10, 2017 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Dan Pemrick; Supervisors Phil Barrett, John Collyer, Peter Martin, Matt Veitch and Tom Wood; Chad Cooke, County Administrator; Steve Dorsey, County Attorney; Brian O'Conor, Auditor; Joanne Bosley, Real Property; Andrew Jarosh, Cindy Baker, Treasurer.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Veitch, the minutes of the May 8, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Dorsey gave a brief update on the Rickett's Property. Mr. Dorsey said that Special Counsel Gary Bowich has been in touch with the EPA Coordinator for the project Don Graham. The report received was that the EPA will be doing additional testing on some of the homes that were already tested and they will be cleaning up some liquid waste found inside some of the dry cleaning machines. After that the EPA will cease their involvement and turn the project over to the DEC to handle through the State Superfund Program. Mr. Dorsey said that it will take a year or two for DEC to complete everything needed to get approval to begin cleaning up the site. Mr. Dorsey said that Mr. Bowich was informed by Mr. Graham that the Village of Ballston Spa intends to bring this up at an upcoming village council meeting. Mr. Dorsey said that he will inform the committee of any updates he receives in the future.

Mr. Collyer inquired about the Infirmary MOU. Mr. Dorsey said that the Mr. Bowich is still waiting on a draft agreement from the EPA.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Collyer, approving auction sale of county-owned lands acquired for unpaid taxes. Unanimous.

Mrs. Baker distributed a handout. The parcel is in the Town of Clifton Park, S.B.L. 282.18-1-12.12 and the bid amount is $1,300. Mrs. Baker said that the first bidder of the property in question forfeited his interest and the parcel is being awarded to the second bidder.

A motion was made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Veitch, to authorize correcting a 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 tax bill for a parcel in the Town of Halfmoon (696.-1-1) and authorizing a tax credit for those years. Unanimous.

Mrs. Bosley said that the parcel is actually not a piece of land but is sewer infrastructure. In 2012 the Town of Halfmoon created an ambulance district. Per the assessor the parcel is in roll section 8, which is wholly exempt however the parcel was not made exempt. The credit amount of $5,487.47 will credit the ambulance district tax incorrectly charged.

A motion was made by Mr. Veitch, seconded by Mr. Wood, to authorize the correction of a 2017 tax bill for a parcel in the Village of Round Lake and authorize a tax credit in the amount of $279.36. Unanimous.

Mrs. Bosley said that the parcel is piece of vacant land owned by the Village and being used as a park. The parcel was charged for one sewer unit in error.

A motion was made by Mr. Collyer, seconded by Mr. Barrett, to authorize the cancellation of 2017 taxes under Real Property Tax Law for a parcel in the Town of Halfmoon that was acquired by the State of New York. Unanimous.

Mrs. Bosley said that the State acquired the land in 2016 however a water portion of the bill was not exempted.

Mrs. Bosley asked the committee to set the September auction date for September 19, 2017 with registration beginning at 5pm and the auction at 6pm.

A motion was made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Collyer, to approve the 2017 Second Quarter Report by the County Auditor. Unanimous.

Mr. O'Conor distributed a handout and reported that for the second quarter of 2017 his office approved eight refunds totaling $2,372.80. These refunds were attributed to assessment errors and erroneously applied sewer charges. For the second quarter of 2016 there was one refund in the amount of $168.12 and in 2015 there were eleven refunds totaling $2,868.

On a motion made by Mr. Wood, seconded by Mr. Veitch, the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Deputy Clerk of the Board