

Minutes

Administrative Services Committee

July 15, 2019, 5:00 pm, Room 331

Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY

Members Present: Scudder, Starks, Proctor, Muldowney

Member Absent: Davis

Others: Ames, Tampio, Dennison

Chairman Scudder called the meeting to order at 5:25 p.m.

Approval of Minutes (06/17/19)

MOVED by Legislator Starks, SECONDED by Legislator Muldowney

Unanimously Carried

Privilege of the Floor

No one chose to speak at this time.

Proposed Resolution – Transfer of Foreclosed Properties to Chautauqua County Land Bank Corporation

Chairman Scudder: You'll see on the back page of the resolution. These were all properties that were pulled prior to the auction which was on June 15th. We met on June 14th, myself, Pierre, George, Jim, whoever was designated in the resolution to review it and we decided these properties could be pulled. I will sit here and tell you it made it for a much smoother auction. I think I was asked by one person, well, who pulled these properties? And I said the Legislature did. That was one of our goals was to be able to say that we pulled it rather than - the other upside to our resolution is we are now voting on something that we voted on to pull rather than rubber stamping properties that were taken out that we really didn't have any idea what they were. So the process, I deem, a success and this is part of this (*inaudible*).

Legislator Starks: Thank you for restating all of that.

Chairman Scudder: Does it makes sense?

Legislator Starks: Yes. It brings it right back to mind, so thank you for that.

Chairman Scudder: I mean, you can review them. I encourage you to do that. Any questions, comments, concerns?

Legislator Proctor: Can I just ask, the criteria why they were pulled?

Chairman Scudder: The Land Bank has a formula for pulling properties that meet their criteria. They letter them, I believe, like, A, B, C and then they discuss it as a committee, they pull it, what, how they can help enhance a neighborhood. What makes a good investment for them that can get rehabbed and that they can sell. They used to get a lot more State funding than they do now so they rely on some revenue from properties being pulled. A lot of them are vacant land, some of them are demo's, and the Land Bank has money for demolitions where we don't have to pay it and then what we try and do is, I don't know if the term is, assume, it in with a neighboring property and it doesn't become one of those properties that is out there all the time with no, little to no value and difficulty getting anybody to pay taxes on it.

Legislator Proctor: Understand.

Chairman Scudder: Anything else?

Unanimously Carried

Motion - In Opposition of the NYS Driver's License Access and Privacy Act

Chairman Scudder: There is no one here to speak on it. It's at the request of Legislator Niebel. Do we vote on Motions?

Deputy Clerk Ames: No, just a discussion.

Chairman Scudder: Anybody want to discuss it?

Legislator Proctor: I think that it is a great idea.

Chairman Scudder: Anything else? O.k., we've discussed the motion.

Other

Proposed Resolution – Quit Claim Deeds

Chairman Scudder: I guess I could read it. I'm not going to read it out loud, I just want to see what it is. This appears to me to be the list of properties that were sold at the auction in June. My concern for the record is, this is the first that I have seen it. I'm not saying I have a problem with it. My problem is, making a decision on \$935,000 worth of property on something that I've only had minutes to review.

Legislator Starks: I agree with the timeliness. I share your (*inaudible*) there.

Chairman Scudder: My concern also is there are a lot of people counting on us, ok'ing these properties so that they can move forward with them. Whether it's an investment or rehab, or whatever, there was a reason they were at the auction and there was a reason they bought them.

Legislator Starks: I don't want to delay it and have people not want to go to auction anymore.

Chairman Scudder: If I might recommend, we'll throw it right down to Audit & Control for Thursday. They have had time to review it and any of us – if we go through it and we have any problem with any of the transactions, we can notify somebody on Audit & Control and express our concerns.

Legislator Starks: I agree.

Legislator Muldowney: Will the Director be at the Audit & Control meeting?

Mrs. Dennison: As far as I know, yes. Let me just double check – he sent me an email today.

Legislator Muldowney: Because I also have questions on this as it's the first that I have seen it too.

Mrs. Dennison: He actually doesn't say. He says he's in Pittsburg with the programmer for the tax software. He says, I will not be at the meeting tonight. Doesn't say about Thursday. I will send him a message now. When I received this, this afternoon, I was under the impression that maybe Steve Abdella would be here.

Chairman Scudder: So what is the procedure here? How do we not act on this?

Deputy Clerk Ames: You could refer it without recommendation to Audit & Control.

Clerk Tampio: You would pass a motion to take no action and refer to Audit & Control committee.

Chairman Scudder: O.k., who would like to do that?

Mrs. Dennison: Mr. Chairman, he also said that if there are any questions, please email me. So, I don't know if he is planning to be able to (*cross talk*).

Legislator Starks: Do you think he's standing by?

Mrs. Dennison: Well, I just sent him a question, would he be here Thursday?

Legislator Starks: Oh, he already replied?

Mrs. Dennison: No. He hasn't yet.

Chairman Scudder: These are not emailable questions that we have right at this time.

Mrs. Dennison: The question is, would he be here Thursday.

Legislator Starks: So may I make a motion to pass this to Audit & Control with no action. Is that the right words?

Chairman Scudder: Yes you may. Thank you for that.

Legislator Proctor: I will second that.

Chairman Scudder: All in favor?

Unanimously Carried to pass on without recommendation.

Chairman Scudder: Again, look through it to see if you have anything and then we can present that to Audit & Control.

Legislator Muldowney: I'm on Audit & Control so I will share your thoughts, the reason why we passed it along.

Legislator Starks: Thank you Kevin.

Chairman Scudder: Is there anything else?

Legislator Starks: I have no other, other.

MOVED by Legislator Starks, SECONDED by Legislator Muldowney to adjourn.

Unanimously Carried (5:36 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted and transcribed;
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