

Minutes

Administrative Services Committee

November 9, 2020, 5:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting via Zoom and Live-Streamed for public viewing

Gerace Office Building, Mayville, NY

Members Present: Scudder, Muldowney, Starks, Vanstrom

Member Absent: Davis

Others: Tampio, Ames, Dennison, Chagnon, Button, DeAngelo

Chairman Scudder called the meeting to order at 5:06 p.m.

Approval of Minutes (10/197/2020)

MOVED by Legislator Starks, SECONDED by Legislator Vanstrom

Unanimously Carried

Privilege of the Floor

Clerk Tampio: I have not received any comments from the public.

Proposed Resolution – Applications for Credit of Real Property Taxes for 2020

Chairman Scudder: This is one parcel in particular. Todd is here with us. Can you tell me Todd who Merle E. Homesteader is?

Mr. Button: I don't know exactly who he is but I know the parcel is over in Clymer. The owner of record I believe their address is California so I think they're a developer or something, I'm not sure. But, there was an assessor there. They split a parcel incorrectly and created this parcel by mistake. The tax in question is being written off as a school tax. It had nothing to do with us so the Clymer School will be eating that.

Chairman Scudder: Very good, any questions, comments, or concerns for Todd or the general good of the committee?

Unanimously Carried

Other

Chairman Scudder: We have two resolutions that we're going to discuss.

Proposed Resolution – Distribution of Mortgage Taxes

Chairman Scudder: I think we've all been through these and have seen these before. Did everybody get a chance to look at these? It's pretty simple, there are the numbers and that is what we distribute out. Everybody good with that? All in favor?

Unanimously Carried

Proposed Resolution – Amend 2020 Budget Appropriations – Office Services

Mr. DeAngelo: What happened was, about a year and a half ago, our courier was in an accident and so he's been off for a year and a half. We've been paying basically two couriers because I needed to hire a temp to do that. The length of the recovery was longer than I anticipated. I anticipated some of this but not a year and a half worth of wages. So, we went over budget in our .1, not the .8's because the temp is not getting benefits. So we went over our budget in the .1's and I guess one of the positives of COVID was that we used less postage this year. So we're actually able to use some of our contractual dollars to cover the overage in the personnel this particular year. So, that's what we'll do, we'll cover that with some .4's and then we'll be good to go. The good news is, the original courier is back on the job so he is back and working so we're only paying one courier now moving forward so this should not be a problem moving into 2021.

Chairman Scudder: Excellent explanation, thank you for that. Any questions, comments, or concerns?

Legislator Starks: No, just glad the person is recovered and back to work.

Chairman Scudder: All in favor?

Unanimously Carried

Chairman Scudder: Does anyone have any other, "other"?

Legislator Starks: I have no other "other".

Chairman Scudder: I have one quick "other" for Todd seeing how I don't have to call you, I can ask you right here and this will be for the good of the committee also and I'm not putting you on the spot so don't worry about that. I had an individual call me two days ago responsible for taxes on a property in the Town of Pomfret. They missed 2019 Town and County taxes, they missed 2019 School taxes, and they've missed 2020 School taxes. At what point – no I take that back, 2019 School, 2020 Town, 2020 School. At what point do they go on the list for collection?

Mr. Button: For foreclosure?

Chairman Scudder: Yes.

Mr. Button: Because they have a 2019 outstanding tax bill, they will be on the foreclosure list this year for the 2021 auction.

Chairman Scudder: O.k., so as long as you have one past due tax in 19', that puts you in –

Mr. Button: Correct and in order to get out of foreclosure they are going to have to pay everything that they owe.

Chairman Scudder: Yes.

Mr. Button: Up to date.

Chairman Scudder: Got you. See, wasn't that for the good of everybody. Now we're all on the same page. Thank you Todd, I appreciate that.

Clerk Tampio: I just have one observation that, I don't know, I just wanted to point out. I was looking at the distribution of mortgage taxes and I see that the City of Dunkirk has over \$124,000 versus Jamestown about \$72,000 plus. Are we seeing a lot more home sales within the City of Dunkirk?

Legislator Muldowney: I was going to say, what's the problem with that Kathy?

Clerk Tampio: I said it was an observation. It's not a problem, I just wanted to – I mean, it's significant. Usually you would expect to see Jamestown higher than Dunkirk.

(cross talk)

Chairman Scudder: Speaking for Fredonia, I mean, a sign is up for about a day and a half it seems and it's sold, so I have a feeling that it's happening right across the area. Would you say so Kevin?

Legislator Muldowney: Yes, I talked with Rod Pennica, appraiser in the business for 40 years and believe it or not he said both Jamestown and Dunkirk markets are so hot that he's never seen them this way. That really doesn't explain what is going in on Jamestown but yes, you're right Bob, the market is just – and there are two or three offers with asking's and they are going over asking's. A realtor told me the other day, it's started in March and didn't have any explanation why.

Chairman Scudder: I don't know why the big difference between the two.

Legislator Muldowney: It's a good question because like you said, the City of Jamestown has 36,000 parcels I think and Dunkirk probably has half of that.

Legislator Vanstrom: It's the lakefront property Kevin.

Legislator Muldowney: There is not a lot of lakefront in Dunkirk, the City.

Chairman Scudder: There's your answer Kathy, we don't know. Alright, anybody want to wrap this up?

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

Unanimously Carried (5:16 p.m.)

Respectfully submitted and transcribed,
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