

FINANCE COMMITTEE

August 2, 2011

PRESENT:

Lynda Scheer, Chairwoman
Lawrence Andrews
Arthur Baer
Roy Brown
Arthur Bassin
Raymond Staats
Elizabeth Young

ABSENT:

Jesse DeGroot, notified
Richard Keaveney, notified

ALSO PRESENT:

Gail DiCosmo, Clerk
Andrew Howard
Suzette Booy
Ronald Caponera
Kenneth Wilber
Rosemarie Ansel
John Musall
Valerie Bertram
Robin Andrews
Edward Nabozny

PRESS: 0

County Attorney's Office: A. Howard

2005 TAX FORECLOSURE (horse farm on Sir William Road, Hillsdale)

Previously, the owner/Debtor had not made payments as required under her Plan, nor had she listed the property with a realtor. The Trustee made motion to dismiss the bankruptcy petition, which the Court granted the motion to dismiss, but gave the owner 30 days to make payment and list the property. As I predicted, the owner made a payment and listed the property with the Kinderhook Group just a couple of days before the deadline. Thus, we will have to continue monitoring the bankruptcy and the realtor's progress. **The committee would like an update at the September mtg.**

2006 and 2007 TAX FORECLOSURE [no change from last month]

The CA office has again contacted the adjoining landowners to try to sell the two remaining leftover parcels but have not received any offers. If we are unsuccessful with the neighbors, we will put these properties in the next sale with the 2008 parcels.

2008 TAX FORECLOSURE [no change from last month]

We have several months before the Petition may be filed and served, but the ordering and receipt of the title reports is the first step in this new round.

McDOWELL PROPERTY (Route 66 & Water Street, Ghent) [no change from last month]

Earlier this year the full BOS approved the commencement of a supplementary foreclosure proceeding so that we may ultimately sell this property to an individual who has offered to purchase it, rehabilitate the parcel as a tax producing lot and clean up the eyesore that currently exists.

I expect to receive, in the next couple of days, a draft of the stipulation from the AG between the County and the State and will forward a copy of the proposed final version to the Committee for review/comment once it is complete.

UPPER HOLLOW ROAD BRIDGE (off Rte 22, Austerlitz) [no change from last month]

The County must secure a temporary detour over a private road while construction on this bridge takes place. Last month the full BOS and this Committee authorized an appraisal for the detour over the

property owned by Henry Meininger. Upon my receipt thereof I will approach the Committee with a plan to proceed with the process. The owner informed me on 6/21/11 that he will not voluntarily give the County a temporary easement.

Real Property Tax Service Agency: S. Booy

1. **Assessor Training:** It's official! The NYS Assessors' Association will host two full day training seminars at Columbia-Greene Community College (What is Income for Senior Exemptions 11/1/11 & Land Valuation Schedules 9/27/11) for Columbia & Greene County Assessors. The seminars are also open to all Association members within NYS. Eligible Assessors will receive continuing education credits without having to travel outside of the County.
2. **Columbia County GIS Data Sharing Agreement:** On a regular basis, we are being asked for electronic GIS shape files of our tax maps. I'm concerned about some of the requests that are from companies where it seems apparent to us that they are going to "resell" these files to their clients. I am asking for this committee's approval to use the attached "Columbia County GIS Data Sharing Agreement" which has been reviewed by Tal in the County Attorney's Office. Motion by A. Baer, seconded by R. Staats, carried.
3. **STAR Savings Cap:** School Taxes will be impacted this year by the STAR Savings Cap. The amount of STAR savings that a taxpayer receives on his/her tax bill this year can't be increased by more than 2% from the amount of their STAR savings last year. This new legislation impacted several of the Towns within the Hudson City School District. The remainder of the School Taxes will be processed this month.

Conference Objective Forms:

Land Valuation Schedules on Sept. 27, 2011 @ CGCC with two (2) attending at a total cost of \$220.00
What is Income? On Nov. 1, 2011 @ CGCC with two (2) attending at a total cost of \$205.00, motion for both conference by B. Delaney, Jr., seconded by E. Young, motion carried.

A motion to move into EXECUTIVE SESSION at 5:22 PM by B. Delaney, Jr. seconded by R. Brown, carried.

REASON: to discuss personnel and litigation

A motion to return to REGULAR SESSION at 6:08 PM by L. Andrews, seconded by R. Staats, carried.

Chairman Brown recommended that the Deputy Chairs and Chairwoman Young, Deputy Attorney A. Howard to meet with P. Mossman on a regular basis and to have him come the Finance Comm. on Sept. 6th.

RESOLUTION REQUESTS:

HEALTH/MEDICAL SERVICES:

AUTHORIZATION TO FILL SERVICE COORDINATION VACANCY CREATED BY RESIGNATION OF SERVICE COORDINATOR WHO ACCEPTED POSITIONS AS ASSISTANT TO DIRECTOR OF EARLY INTERVENTION AND PRESCHOOL SERVICES. POSITIONS IS A GRADE 13A; STEP 1 \$34,411.00, motion by A. Baer, seconded by E. Young, carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND RESOLUTION NO. 154-2011 TO INCLUDE OPENING THE POSITION IN QUESTION TO INCLUDE PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKER OR SR. PSWA TO AMEND SR. PSWA POSITION, motion by L. Andrews, seconded by E. Young, carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 155-2011 TO INCLUDE OPENING THE POSITION IN QUESTION TO INCLUDE PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKER OR SR. PSWA, motion by E. Young, seconded by B. Delaney, Jr., carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO FILL THE APPROVED VACANT BUDGETED POSITIONS AT THE PINE HAVEN HOME, motion by L. Andrews, seconded by R. Brown, carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO APPOINT COLLEEN MORGAN TO A VACANT PSYCHIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER POSITION PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NUMBER 105-2011 AT A DATE TO BE DETERMINED WITHIN THE NEXT 60 DAYS, motion by E. Young, seconded by A. Baer, carried.

HUMAN SERVICES:

AUTHORIZING THE YOUTH BUREAU TO AMEND THE 2011 BUDGET FOR THE APPROPRIATION ACCOUNT AO7310-17.400 AND THE REVENUE ACCOUNT AO2075, motion by B. Delaney, Jr., seconded by E. Young, carried.

AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES TO FILL THE POSITION OF ONE (1) CASEWORKER, motion by E. Young, seconded by L. Andrews, carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND 2011 OFA BUDGET TO CLAIM ADDITIONAL STATE AID AND MAKE INTERNAL ACCOUNT TRANSFERS TO PROVIDE COUNTY MATCH TO SUPPORT IN-HOME SERVICES FOR FRAIL SENIORS, motion by L. Andrews, seconded by B. Delaney, Jr., carried.

AUTHORIZING THE YOUTH BUREAU TO CREATE AND FILL TWO (2) SEASONAL, PER DIEM RECREATION ATTENDANT POSITIONS AT AN HOURLY RATE OF \$10.00 PER HOUR, motion by E. Young, seconded by L. Andrews, carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO FILL THE VACANT, BUDGETED POSITION OF ONE (1) FULL-TIME ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY POSITION WITH AN ANNUAL STARTING SALARY OF \$67,363.00, WAIVING THE 15% REDUCTION AND SIX-MONTH WAITING PERIOD FOR MEDICAL BENEFITS, motion by E. Young, seconded by A. Bassin, carried.

AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO FILL THE VACANT, BUDGETED POSITION OF ONE (1) TEMPORARY LAW INTERN POSITION WITH AN HOURLY SALARY OF \$15.00, PULLED, (I was not made aware that this request was not presented to the Budget & Salary Review Comm.)

CONTINUING WITH THE RADIO PROJECT UPGRADE TO CO-LOCATE ON THE CHURCHTOWN/ SNYDERTOWN TOWER. PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS 57-2009, 198-2008, 227-2007 FOR BUILD-OUT TO IMPROVE COVERAGE, motion by B. Delaney, Jr., seconded by L. Andrews, carried.

SUPPORT SERVICES TO INCLUDE 24X 7 PHONE SUPPORT, ON-SITE SUPPORT, AND EVERGREEN WHICH INCLUDES SHIPMENT OF NEW SOFTWARE VERSIONS, MINOR AND MAJOR RELEASES, AND PROBLEM WALK AROUND. THIS WOULD COVER THE PHONE, AND COMPUTER SYSTEMS. YEARS 1, AND 2 SUPPORT WERE PAID BY GRANT, motion by B. Delaney, Jr., seconded by E. Young, carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO FILL ONE VACANT BUDGETED POSITION OF FULL TIME CORRECTION OFFICER, ANNUAL SALARY \$35,976.00, DUE TO A RESIGNATION, motion by R. Staats, seconded by B. Delaney, Jr., carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO FILL ONE (1) VACANT BUDGETED POSITION OF A FULL-TIME CORRECTIONS OFFICER WITH AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$35,976.00 DUE TO RETIREMENT, TO KEEP THE JAIL AT FULL STAFF, motion by L. Andrews, seconded by B. Delaney, Jr., carried.

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ACCEPT AND SIGN THE BYRNE /JAG GRANT, motion by E. Young, seconded by B. Delaney, Jr., carried.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/PLANNING:

AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING IN SUPPORT OF A GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS (GIS) TRAINING PROGRAM FOR MUNICIPAL VOLUNTEERS, motion by E. Young, seconded by B. Delaney, Jr., carried.

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE COLUMBIA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, motion by B. Delaney, Jr., seconded by R. Staats, carried.

PUBLIC WORKS:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF AN EASEMENT OVER CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF GHENT, motion by E. Young, seconded by B. Delaney, Jr., carried.

A RESOLUTION IS REQUESTED AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO EXECUTE A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT #1 TO THE MULTI-BRIDGE STEEL REPAIR DESIGN CONTRACT BETWEEN BARTON & LOGUIDICE, PC OF ALBANY, NY AND COLUMBIA COUNTY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,950.00, motion by B. Delaney, Jr., seconded by E. Young, carried.

A RESOLUTION IS REQUESTED AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN GREENMAN-PEDERSEN, INC. (GPI) OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AND COLUMBIA COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,474.72 (MAX. PAYABLE) FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION/INSPECTION OF THE PROPOSED SUPERSTRUCTURE REPLACEMENT OF FELTS BRIDGE-BIN 3222320 CARRYING OVERLOOK ROAD OVER ROELIFF JANSEN KILL IN THE TOWN OF COPAKE, motion by R. Staats, seconded by B. Delaney, Jr., carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD THE BID FOR MEAT/MEAT PRODUCTS TO GINSBERG'S FOODS, INC. , SYSCO ALBANY LLC, US FOODSERVICE, ALBANY & WOHRLE FOODS INC FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 2011 THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2011, motion by B. Delaney, Jr., seconded by E. Young, carried.

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ALPINE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT \$4,900.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING A PRE-DEMOLITION SURVEY OF THE OLD PINE HAVEN HOME, motion by L. Andrews, seconded by B. Delaney, Jr., carried.

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TO EXECUTE A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ALPINE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT \$3,100.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONDUCTING A PRE-DEMOLITION SURVEY OF THE WATER STORAGE TANK AT THE PINE HAVEN HOME, motion by L. Andrews, seconded by B. Delaney, Jr., carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE MORRIS ASSOCIATES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$26,000.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DESIGNING A NEW INTERMITTENT SAND FILTER AT THE COUNTY'S WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, motion by B. Delaney, Jr., seconded by E. Young, carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO AWARD A TWO (2) YEAR CONTRACT FOR HAULING OF LEACHATE FROM THE ANCRAM, CLAVERACK & HILLSDALE LANDFILLS BY BILL

BALDWIN & SONS, INC. AT A COST OF \$.085/ GALLON, motion by R. Staats, seconded by B. Delaney, Jr., carried.

BUDGET & SALARY REVIEW:

AUTHORIZING THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CONTINUE A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE BONADIO GROUP AS COUNTY INDEPENDENT AUDIT FIRM, motion by E. Young, seconded by B. Delaney, Jr., carried.

FINANCE:

AUTHORIZATION TO PAY FOR BUDGETED ANNUAL LANDESK SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED \$8,422.50, motion by B. Delaney, Jr., seconded by E. Young, carried.

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH FIDELIS INSURANCE AND THE NURSING HOME TRANSITION DIVERSION WAIVER PROGRAM TO PROVIDE HOME-DELIVERED AND CONGREGATE MEALS FOR THEIR CLIENTS ON A PER MEAL BASIS, motion by B. Delaney, Jr., seconded by E. Young, carried.

With no further business/discussion a motion to adjourn at 6:25 PM by R. Brown, seconded by B. Delaney, Jr., motion carried.

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