

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES

TIOGA COUNTY OFFICE OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES

March 7th, 2023

ATTENDANCE:

LEGISLATORS: Committee Chair Mullen, Legislator Brown, Legislator Ciotoli,
Legislator Standinger

EX-OFFICIO: N/A

STAFF: Legislative Clerk Haskell

GUESTS: N/A

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion to approve all Department February 7th, 2023, committee meeting minutes. Motion made by Legislator Standinger, seconded by Legislator Brown; motion carries unanimously.

FINANCIAL: Reviewed Real Property budget YTD and February revenue/expense.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Second Notice for Senior Exemption – waiting for final new Senior exemption numbers from Assessors.
- Village of Newark Valley tax bills complete.
- New Volunteer Firefighter and Volunteer Ambulance Worker exemption
 - o Draft local laws from Albany and Greene Counties provided, different approaches to determining eligibility.
 - o Currently gathering numbers of members for each Fire District to use to calculate impact.

NEW BUSINESS:

- March 1st is taxable status date. Real Property is doing final processing of transfers, splits, merges, etc. for Assessors to complete by May 1st Tentative Roll.
- Board of Assessment Review (BAR) Training – Currently reviewing BAR members for each Town to determine those that need retraining and new members. Training will be conducted in April, date TBD.
- County Directors Conference – Primary topic of discussion was language in Governor's budget that would eliminate Counties' authority to retain surplus money from tax auction. 40 States currently do not retain surplus. If approved, County would need to implement procedures to manage and distribute surplus. Property owners and lien holders would need to file with the County Court to request payment from the surplus. Budget is currently in negotiation, to be approved by April 1st. SCOTUS to hear Minnesota case where property

owner is suing to recoup surplus money from tax auction, could have additional impact moving forward.

PERSONNEL: N/A

RESOLUTIONS/PROCLAMATIONS: N/A

EXECUTIVE SESSION: N/A

ADJOURNMENT: 10:39 AM

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