TAXATION COMMITTEE MEETING
June 14, 2018

Present: Legislators Randy LaChausse, Greg Kulzer and Andrea Moroughan, County Manager Ryan Piche, County Attorney Joan McNichol and RPT Director Candy Akin

The meeting was called at 3:40 p.m.

Candy reviewed her attached report.

Flat Rock Windpower, LLC had an appraisal done on their property and have requested the County reduce their assessment from $2.8 million to $90,518. The County is not in agreement and will request a professional appraisal of the wind towers.

In relation to the Twin Rivers Paper Company’s filed grievance on their manufacturing plant for an assessment reduction, the Town of Lyonsdale Board of Assessment Review did not take any action due to the lack of supporting evidence.

At 3:45 p.m. the Committee had a discussion about the Northbrook Settlement. Legislator Moroughan made a motion for the County Attorney to formulate a resolution for the Board’s consideration to approve the settlement agreement and also appropriate $22,327 to refund Northbrook. Ryan Piche stated the funds would be appropriated from Contingency.

The Harrisville/Lake Bonaparte area 911 address changes have all been processed and new road signs will be erected.

The meeting concluded at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Clark, Clerk of the Board
REAL PROPERTY TAX SERVICES
Candy Akin, CCD - Director
Committee Meeting – June 14, 2018 – 3:30 pm

Committee:
Randy LaChausse – Chairman
Andrea Moroughan
Greg Kulzer
Ryan Piche – County Manager
Terry Clark – Clerk of the Board

Resolutions:
None

Budget Report:
Department is on budget. YTD Budget Report attached.

New Business:
Flat Rock Windpower, LLC has filed grievances in the towns of Harrisburg, Lowville, Martinsburg, and Watson. They are requesting a reduction in the assessment of the wind towers from 2.8 million to $90,518 per tower. No substantial evidence was provided and none of the town BAR members took action.

Old Business:
At our March 8, 2018 meeting I advised that Twin Rivers Paper Company had hired a tax consultant to potentially challenge their assessments in the towns of Lyonsdale and West Turin. Accordingly, Twin Rivers did file a grievance only on the manufacturing plant in the town of Lyonsdale. They have requested a reduction in assessment from $1,938,600 to $650,000. They did not file grievances on the vacant lands or the warehouse parcels.

Request executive session to discuss Northbrook Settlement.

LUCA – 2020 Census:
The Multi-Unit Housing letter and questionnaires were mailed out and surprisingly, we have been receiving the requested information back very quickly.

Sales:
Sales are currently available on the website through May 10th.

911:
We assigned and/or corrected 16 new numbers since our May 10th meeting.

End of Report