

REAL ESTATE TAX CYCLE COMMITTEE

Friday, January 12, 2018

PRESENT: P. Chapman, M. Parkinson, D. Moore

ABSENT: D. Michael, K. Novacich-Koberna

OTHERS: S. Rolens, D. Ming-Mendoza, P. McRae, M. Wolfe, B. Davis, J. Dauderman, A. Meyer, J. Ezra, L. Ciampoli, C. Shriver

Mr. Parkinson moved, seconded by Mr. Moore, to approve the December meeting minutes.
MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER:

P. McRae reported that all installment dates are completed. The office will be sending out certified notices to taxpayers with unpaid real estate taxes. Also, delinquent taxes will be published in local newspapers the end of January and the first of February. He reported that the Treasurer's Office has made 10 real estate distributions this year and distributed \$394,658,900.73 which is 95.51 % of taxes extended. The next real estate distribution is scheduled for January 25, 2018. The year's Tax Sale is scheduled for February 20, 2018. He stated that due to the pre payments for the potential tax break, the office collected \$7,410,000 whereas last year, they collected \$500,000.

COUNTY CLERK:

D. Ming-Mendoza reported that the last day to file levys from the Taxing Districts was December 26th, 2017. She said that all 168 Taxing Districts did file in a timely manner and that she is waiting for the assessment cycle to finish so calculation of the tax rates can begin. Ming-Mendoza stated that her office will continue to do mobile home corrections until the Tax Sale and anticipates there will be an increase in people paying delinquent taxes since letters are going out.

RECORDER:

A. Meyer handed out several graphs to the Committee and was pleased to announce that the Deeds of Conveyance has risen consistently over the last 5 years. She reported that last year in December, the Records office took in 769 Deeds of Conveyance and in December 2017, 814 Deeds of Conveyance was received. She noted that the numbers are down in foreclosures and lis pendens since last year along with tax deeds totaling 302 in 2016 and 259 this year. One of the graphs she presented, highlighted the amount of electronic deeds and reported a 0.5% increase monthly. She explained that various fees they collect make up a Records Automation Fund which collected around \$24,000 last month. Other fees include subscription fees and the sale of products which totaled \$20,000.

ASSESSOR:

J. Dauderman stated that 2016 tax bill corrections are still on going and will be until right around the time of the Tax Sale. He said that they also continue to work on renewing 2017 tax exemptions and owner/address corrections. Dauderman says that the research techs are processing the deeds for December and the name changes for the declarations are also on track. The GIS map changes are a bit behind as expected. The 2018 quad work is half way completed and the office started an extra crew in New Douglas to help with finalization. During the discussion of the Resolution Authorizing the Billing of Costs for Township Assessor Services, J. Dauderman revisited several points from last month's meeting with the Godfrey Township Assessor. He explained that there has never been a contract for the County picking up Assessors responsibilities for Townships and that it's actually an obligation. He also talked about how the 2009 resolution came to be and how it has worked as intended for the most part. Another point that Dauderman discussed was the "per parcel" prices for Townships and why those may differentiate.

BOARD OF REVIEW:

S. Rolens announced that the Intent to Equalize will be published on Friday, February 2nd, 2018 and the Enterprise Zone will be finished once the multiplier has been calculated and applied. The office continues to work on state appeals and certificate of errors. Rolens said that the I.T Department has started to generate reports for Senior Freezes for board review which is anticipated to be finished around March 15th, 2018.

I.T.:

B. Davis noted that the I.T department helped with printing for the Assessors Meeting last month along with the Delinquent Tax Letters for the Treasurer's Office.

Mr. Parkinson moved, seconded by Mr. Moore, to approve the property trustee report as presented. The ayes and nays being called on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows: AYES: Chapman, Parkinson, Moore. NAYS: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The following resolution was presented to the committee:

1. Resolution Authorizing the Billing of Costs for Township Assessor Services.

Discussion was held among the committee regarding the resolution.

Mr. Parkinson moved, seconded by Mr. Moore, to approve the Resolution as presented. The ayes and nays being called on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows: AYES: Chapman, Parkinson and Moore. NAYS: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Ms. Novacich-Koberna and Mr. Michael are also in favor of the resolution per Mr. Chapman

Mr. Moore moved, seconded by Mr. Parkinson, to approve the bills for the month. The ayes and nays being called on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows: AYES: Chapman, Parkinson and Moore. NAYS: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Cynthia Shriver from Certified Affordable Housing Provider addressed the committee with a presentation to explain an affordable housing program they offer and fair treatment on tax assessments. Some things she discussed was how many Americans cannot qualify for home loans and why. She also talked about the importance of good credit and how untaught that truly is. One topic that in fact caught the Committee's attention was Ms. Shriver's proposal to reduce property taxes for properties that are in the housing program. There were many questions from the Committee members concerning who owns and who pays certain things. Please refer to the audio to hear those concerns. Ms. Shriver told the committee that families able to obtain home ownership through bank financing totaled 18 and in the last 2 years, 25 properties have been added to the program. She explained that many of these properties were neighborhood eyesores and the Certified Affordable Housing Provider program made the properties livable again. Over all, Ms. Shriver came before the Tax Cycle Committee to discuss challenges and somethings they deemed "unfair" of solving housing crisis in Madison County.

Mr. Parkinson moved, seconded by Mr. Moore, to adjourn the meeting. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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