



GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS & IMPROVED METHODS COMMITTEE

APPROVED MINUTES

Tuesday, July 22, 2014

Committee Members:

Ralph Angelo, Chair
Margaret Hilton
Dominick Vedora
Dianne Crowley
Mark Venuti
Gregory Bendzlowicz

Others Present:

County Administrator, John Garvey; Fiscal Manager, Sandra Seeber;
Real Property Tax Director, Robin Johnson; County Clerk, Matthew
Hoose; Supervisor, John Sheppard; City Manager, David Forrest;
Real Property Tax Aide, Donna Ciardi

Chairman Angelo called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. *Supervisor Bendzlowicz made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hilton, to adopt the minutes of the July 1, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.*

Ontario County Clerk Matthew Hoose presented a resolution "Creation of Position-Motor Vehicle Services Representative (DBL) Department of Motor Vehicles". There is a retired employee filling the position temporarily. Approximately \$5,889 is required for the position and is not in the budget. *Supervisor Hilton made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Vedora, to approve the resolution. Motion carried.*

Ontario County Administrator Garvey presented a resolution "Authorizing Priority Service Agreement with Certain Municipalities within the County of Ontario". Administrator Garvey explained that the County has had an agreement with the City of Canandaigua and the Town of Hopewell for the delivery of priority services for the past fifteen years and would like to renew the agreement for another two years. There would be a 2% increase capped at each of the next two years. Supervisor Venuti questioned if this was required by law and Administrator Garvey said that it was not. Supervisor Hilton explained that the Town of Hopewell has a very busy court dealing with welfare fraud, incidents occurring in the Ontario County Jail and incidents occurring at CMAC most of which generate no revenue. Supervisor Hilton also reminded the Committee that 50% of the Town of Hopewell is tax exempt and 38% of that is County owned. *Supervisor Vedora made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Crowley, to approve the resolution. Motion carried.*

Fiscal Manager, Sandra Seeber presented the second quarter of 2014 update for the Governmental Operations and Improved Methods Committee. *Supervisor Vedora made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hilton. Motion carried.*

Real Property Tax Director, Robin Johnson presented a resolution "Calling on the Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature to Reimburse School Districts for Veterans Real Property School Tax Exemptions". Director Johnson reminded the Committee that the *Greene County Resolution* was discussed at the July 1, 2014 meeting. The impact of the current legislation would depend on if the schools adopted the exemption and at what level, how many Veterans there are and how many Veterans apply. Director Johnson believes that the impact would be significant. An example of tax payer impact would be an .80 tax rate increase for Red Jacket school district with no extra spending if the highest veterans exemption level were adopted. Director Johnson attended a School Information Session meeting and most of the schools have not adopted the exemption because the impact would be to large.

Director Johnson believes that the only way that the Greene County recommendation might work would be to make the exemption mandatory with a standard exemption level. The financial impact to New York State, should they be required to fund the exemption, would be impossible to sustain.

Director Johnson recommends that this resolution not be supported. Supervisor Vedora and Supervisor Hilton both recommend that no action be taken at this time.

Supervisor Vedora made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hilton. Motion carried.

Chairman Angelo made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Hilton, to enter executive session at 4:30 pm to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation and that Director Robin Johnson remain present. Motion carried.

Supervisor Bendzlowicz made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Vedora, to reconvene in regular session at 4:42 pm. Motion carried.

Being no further business to come before the committee Supervisor Bendzlowicz made a motion to adjourn at 4:42 pm, seconded by Supervisor Hilton. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Ciardi
Real Property Tax Agency