Resolution No. 177       May 20, 2014

Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Convey Two Parcels Of County Owned Property Acquired Pursuant to Article 11 Of the Real Property Tax Law For Unpaid Taxes To The Town of Saugerties – Department Of Finance

Referred to: The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Bartels, Belfiglio, Briggs, Maio, Maloney, Provenzano and Rodriguez)

Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Richard A. Gerentine, and Deputy Chairman Tracey A. Bartels offer the following:

WHEREAS, this resolution has been submitted by the County Executive on behalf of the Department of Finance; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Saugerties wishes to acquire two parcels of County-owned property hereinafter described, which were acquired by the County by reason of non-payment of taxes; and

WHEREAS, said parcels # 162 and # 165 of the 2014 Public Auction, listed as .90 acre, 179.50 feet by 221.30 feet and 2.00 acres, respectively, both vacant land, in the Town of Saugerties, section, block and lot numbers 28.4-7-19 and 28.4-7-56 have unpaid taxes in the amount of $23,310.28 dating back to the year 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Saugerties intends to utilize this parcel as part of a project which has a municipal purpose and public benefit; and

WHEREAS, Section 72h of New York State General Municipal Law permits the Legislature of the County of Ulster to transfer the property described herein to another municipality, subject to approval by the Town of Saugerties, either without consideration or for such consideration and upon such terms and conditions as shall be approved by the Ulster County Legislature and the Town Board of the Town of Saugerties; and

WHEREAS, the amount of taxes currently unpaid and for which the County made whole the Town of Saugerties and the Saugerties Central School District is as follows:

Parcel #162 (adjacent to well)
   a) Town of Saugerties $1,594.19
   b) Saugerties Central School District $4,212.26
   c) Ulster County $3,793.72
   d) Total Outstanding Taxes $9,600.17
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Parcel #165 (well)

a) Town of Saugerties $ 2,333.32
b) Saugerties Central School District $ 6,160.75
c) Ulster County $ 5,216.04
d) Total Outstanding Taxes $13,710.11

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature has determined that the subject property is surplus property that is not needed by the County of Ulster for County purposes; and

WHEREAS, these conveyances constitute Type II actions under section 4.1.5 of the County of Ulster’s State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) Type II List that was adopted in Resolution No. 118 on April 20, 2010; and

WHEREAS, as per section 3 of the County’s Type II List, these actions do not pose a significant potential environmental impact and may be progressed as Type II actions in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617 of SEQRA; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, subject to payment from the Town of Saugerties for that portion of unpaid Town taxes in the amount of $3,927.51, that the Ulster County Commissioner of Finance is authorized to write off the remaining unpaid taxes; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature hereby finds and determines that the property described herein and which is intended to be conveyed herein is appropriate for conveyance to the Town of Saugerties for municipal purposes; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that such property shall be conveyed to the Town of Saugerties for the consideration of $3,927.51; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town of Saugerties shall not name the subject property after any political figure; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the deed to the property be prepared as follows:
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PREVIOUS OWNER        TOWN        DEED TO
Bucky Road Corp.      Town of Saugerties  Town of Saugerties
Parcel #'s 162 & 165  Town Hall
SBL#: 28.4-7-19       4 High Street
SBL#: 28.4-7-56       Saugerties, NY 12477

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature is authorized and directed to make, execute and deliver to said party, a Quitclaim Deed conveying the interest of the County in said Parcel, which Quitclaim Deed shall contain the covenant that the said County of Ulster shall in no event be or become liable for any defects in title conveyed for any cause whatsoever, and that no claim or demand of any nature shall ever be made against the County of Ulster arising from such sale, conveyance or the proceedings leading thereto; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that such conveyance is subject to acceptance and execution by the Town of Saugerties of a conveyance and indemnification agreement, and further subject to authorization by the Town Board of the Town of Saugerties, upon the adoption of a duly certified resolution of that body within ninety days of the date of approval of this Resolution by the County Executive; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that failure by the Town Board of the Town of Saugerties to adopt such a Resolution as referenced herein shall result in this Resolution being deemed null and void,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22  NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislator Provenzano)

Passed Committee: Ways and Means on May 14, 2014

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
$23,310.28 UNPAID TAXES
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STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF ULSTER

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 20th Day of May, 2014, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 23rd Day of May in the year Two Thousand and Fourteen.

/s/ Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

Submitted to the County Executive this 23rd Day of May, 2014.

/s/ Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

Approved by the County Executive this 28th Day of May, 2014.

/s/ Michael P. Hein
Michael P. Hein, County Executive