

January 31, 2011
Alexander Town Board Special Meeting
Alexander Town Hall 7:00 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Ruth Hulshoff
Town Board: Emma Jean Grant, William Schmieder, Joseph Higley, William Hirsch
Town Clerk: Laura Schmieder
Absent: Tom Lowe, Highway Superintendent
Guests: Tom Halter and Melanie Koch, NYS Office of Real Property; Richard Scharlau, William Wagner, Allan Merle, Barb Spring, Eric Wagner, Letha Kreutter, Michelle Pohl, Roy Haller-residents

Supervisor Hulshoff called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence was held for our servicemen and women.

Tom Halter and Melanie Koch gave a presentation to the Board regarding the assessment program. They went through the hand-out that was prepared and answered questions. They said Alexander is the only Town in the County that has not committed to the Cyclical Assessment program, but Towns do not have to participate. The State wants every Town to be fairly assessed and they will help with the tools necessary to make that happen.

They discussed the procedures that have to be followed to do a complete reassessment. Every property has to be physically looked at and property inventories need to be updated. There are companies available to do this work, on average they charge between \$30 to \$60 per parcel for a complete reassessment.

Deb Conti said she was uncomfortable with the information that she has on file and would like to do a mailing to every resident in the Town with an inventory sheet to be updated. She indicated she would send these out the first week of June with a 14 to 30 day return on them. She and a Board member will work on a cover letter to send with this inventory sheet.

It was noted in the equity analysis of residential sales that our ratio was 6.4%, the ratio of sale prices to assessed value. The State wants that number to be 20% or less so we are in pretty good shape.

The Board will be talking about this information and making a decision on which direction to pursue.

On motion by Councilperson Higley, seconded by Councilperson Hirsch, and carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Schmieder
Town Clerk