

FINANCE COMMITTEE
January 9, 2017

Committee members: Doug Paddock, Ed Bronson, Bill Holgate, Mark Morris, Taylor Fitch

Present: Earle Gleason, Elden Morrison, Connie Hayes, Pat Brede, Nonie Flynn, Tim Cutler, Dan Banach, Leslie Church, Tim Dennis, Bob Lawton.

County Administrator Lawton explained a formula error occurred in computing the Town of Jerusalem's apportioned share of the County Budget resulting in an under billing to Town of Jerusalem taxpayers of approximately \$169,000. This only affected the Town of Jerusalem and only the county tax.

A meeting was held on Friday, January 6 with the Town of Jerusalem Supervisor, Town Clerk/Tax Collector and a member of the Town Board to discuss possible ways to remedy the situation.

After receiving information from NYS Office of Real Property Services and an opinion and recommendation from Scott Falvey, the decision was to proceed with an omitted tax on next year's tax bill which would then recoup the 2017 shortage in 2018. A separate line will be on the 2018 tax bills depicting the 2017 shortage amount.

Real Property will be sending letters to all Jerusalem taxpayers by January 20th explaining the issue and estimating the amount that will be added to their 2018 bills. Letters will also be sent to local real estate agents, the local bar association, and escrow companies informing them of the error.

Doug reviewed a draft of a press release that will be sent out and asked that any changes be given to the County Administrator by 3:00 in order to get the press release out today.

Doug reviewed the following resolution that will be needed. The Committee approved.

- Correction Of Clerical Error Pertaining To The Town Of Jerusalem's Apportioned Share Of The 2017 Yates County Tax Levy

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.