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MEMORANDUM

To: Greg Rutnik, Assistant County Attorney

From: Jeff Neal, Director of Finance

Date: March 28, 2023

Re: 343 First Street, City of Albany, County Foreclosed Parcel

Mr. Phillip A. Oswald assertions in his March 14, 2023 communication regarding payments made by his client are incorrect, per review of the current public record:

Albany County has a long-standing policy to pay Real Property Tax bills on non-exempt County-owned parcels in January (Property) and September (School) each year.

In the specific instance of this inquiry, the County paid the September 2022 School Tax bills by check number 3134171 in the amount of \$105,470.28. That check was cashed by the Albany City School District in September 2022 and payments applied as directed by copies of the tax bills attached to that check.

According to our records, a sum of \$354.53 was applied in September 2022 to the 343 First Street parcel:

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|----------------|-----|----------|------------|-------------------------|
| CITY OF ALBANY | 343 | FIRST ST | 65.56-3-61 | City of Albany \$354.53 |

Any duplicate payments received by Towns, Cities or School Districts on County foreclosed parcels are refunded to the payor by that tax office. If Mr. Albarracin has a cancelled check from September 2022 showing payment made to the Albany City School District, I can verify those funds were returned to him.

In regards to the second payment noted in Mr. Oswald's letter, the attached receipt from the County Tax Collections office notes receipt of payment by Legacy Title Service. That amount was previously removed from the amounts listed as due in our last communication.

The total amount of Albany County extinguished and tax bills paid on this property pre-2023 is \$20,328.14 (Twenty-Thousand, Three-Hundred Twenty-eight dollars and 14 cents) as detailed in the chart below.

| 343 First, County Owned Oct 2017Issued/Extinguished Tax Bills | | | | | | |
|---|------------|----------|-------------|--|--|--|
| Year | Property | School | Amount | | | |
| 2011-2016 | \$14,390 |).70 | \$14,390.70 | | | |
| 2017 | \$937.87 | \$350.00 | \$1,287.87 | | | |
| 2018 | \$832.80 | \$350.00 | \$1,182.80 | | | |
| 2019 | \$675.77 | \$346.04 | \$1,021.81 | | | |
| 2020 | \$597.17 | \$352.77 | | | | |
| 2021 | \$1,004.68 | \$353.22 | \$1,357.90 | | | |
| 2022 | \$732.53 | \$354.53 | \$1,087.06 | | | |
| | | | \$20,328.14 | | | |

Receipt record of the Legacy Title Payment in July 2021:

COUNTY OF ALBANY

TAX BILLING RECEIPT

300394

07/06/21 12:46:

2020 Real Estate

CLERK : r

: rhall

PROPERTY: 06505600030610000000

CUST #: 344136

LOCATION: 343 FIRST ST

PRINCIPAL INTEREST
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ALBANY PRO 216.35 43.27
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Paid by/Ref:

of Checks: 1 Check #: 0985 Check Amount: 654.78

Cash Amount: 0.00
Total Amount: 654.78
Change Due: 0.00

New Balance 0.00

RECEIPT OF TAXES ALBANY COUNTY DIVISION OF TAXES

IF ANY PARCEL REMAINS SUBJECT TO ONE OR 06/30/21 PAYMENT YOU HAVE MADE WILL NOT 344136 HIGH DWIGHT

252 GRAFTON ST

BROOKLYN, NY 11212

Finally, I note that per the above referenced Policy and Procedures, the County has now paid and <u>additional sum of \$563.67 due on this parcel for the 2023 Property Tax due in January 2023</u>.