



**2021029 DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN REAL  
PROPERTY TAX REFUNDS**

On motion by Majority Leader Bolner, duly seconded by Legislator Sagliano, the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted by the Budget, Finance, & Personnel Committee.

**2021030 AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 2020087 AS AMENDED BY RESOLUTION  
2020131, 2020146, 2020159, 2020187, AND 2021020 ESTABLISHING STANDARD  
WORKDAY FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2020**

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There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.



## COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

### MEMO

**To:** A. Gregg Pulver, Chairman of the Legislature  
All Legislators

**From:** Jessica White, Budget Director *JW*  
Heidi Seelbach, Commissioner of Finance *HS*

**Re:** Answer to Minority Leader Edward's Questions

At the Legislature's Budget, Finance, and Personnel Committee Meeting, Minority Leader Edwards requested information regarding Resolution No. 2021028 DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO CORRECTING ERRORS ON TAX ROLLS. She questioned if there was an appeal process for people who were denied and the volume of similar resolutions that have been brought to the Legislature with the amounts under \$2,500.

Correcting errors on tax bills is governed under RPTL 554 and 556, both laws state that the County Director of Real Property Tax investigates applications for corrections and refunds and must submit a report with a recommendation for approval or denial to the Legislature, and then the Legislature reviews the report and either approves or denies the application. All recommendations for denial of any amount must be approved by the Legislature. Although the laws do not layout an appeal process, any property owner may go to the Legislature meeting to speak on their behalf.

Last year, there were three corrections/refunds that went through Finance and were refunded immediately. There were four others that needed to go through the Legislature because they were either over \$2,500 or recommended for denial.

This year the department has 3 corrections / refunds that are under \$2,500, plus it expects at least two more. There are also three corrections that are over \$2,500 that are recommended for approval and one for denial that are on the calendar for March. The goal of the resolution is to be able to pay taxpayers as quickly as possible for any refunds due them because of a tax bill correction, instead of having to wait for the next month's Legislature meeting.

When I answered this question at Committee, I was mistakenly thinking of the quit claim resolutions that also come through the Legislature but in much larger numbers throughout the year.