

City of Gladstone, MI

MEETING TYPE STAFF REPORT

1100 Delta Avenue Gladstone, MI 49837 www.gladstonemi.org

Agenda Date:	07-22-2024	Eric Buckman, City Manager:	
Department:	City Manager	Department Head Name:	
Presenter:	Eric Buckman	Kim Berry, City Clerk:	

This form and any background material must be approved by the City Manager, then delivered to the City Clerk by 4:00 PM the Tuesday <u>prior</u> to the Commission Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM TITLE:

Tax Reverted Lands

BACKGROUND:

The Delta County Treasurer submitted the Delta County Foreclosed land list which has one property located in the City of Gladstone. Parcel # 21-052-617-009-00. 611 29th Street, Delinquent Taxes of \$7,305.53. The City of Gladstone has an opportunity to purchase the property for \$94,600.00 or opt to pass on the option to purchase the property.

FISCAL EFFECT:

\$94,600.00

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

Letter from Delta County dated July 9, 2024

RECOMMENDATION:

Motion to opt out of purchase of the foreclosed property located at 611 29th Street (Parcel # 21-052-617-009-00).

COUNTY OF DELTA

SHERRY GODFREY, CPA DELTA COUNTY TREASURER 310 LUDINGTON ST.

ESCANABA, MICHIGAN 49829

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July 9, 2024

TO: Delta County Cities, Townships, and Village Delta County Board of Commissioners

RE: Tax Reverted Lands

This Letter requires City, Township, or Village board action

Listed on the back of this letter are the properties which have reverted to the County for non-payment of 2021 property taxes. These properties are to be offered at public auction on August 6, 2024. I am required to offer the parcels first to the State of Michigan, then to the local units of government, and finally to the County.

In 2021, legislation was enacted through Michigan Public Act 255 which changed the way tax foreclosed lands are able to be passed to local units of government. The major changes form that legislation is that the purchase NO LONGER needs to be for public purpose, and the local units of government NO LONGER have to remit profits from the subsequent sale of such lands. If you elect to claim your right of first refusal on a foreclosed property, the purchase price is determined as follows:

- If the State elects not to purchase tax foreclosed property and there are no claims for the surplus proceeds, the city, township, or village may purchase the foreclosed property by paying the minimum bid.
 - The minimum bid is the delinquent taxes due, plus any legal fees or maintenance fees associated with the property prior to auction.
 - Notification of claims for surplus proceeds by the former owners of the parcels are required to be made by July 1, 2024.
- If the State elects not to purchase tax foreclosed property and there ARE one or more claims for surplus proceeds, the city, township, or village may purchase the foreclosed property by paying the minimum bid or fair market value, whichever is greater.
 - I have determined that the fair market value will be double the current State Equalized Value, but I will not defend such in any potential lawsuits from former taxpayers, etc.

My hope is that all local units of government will pass on their option, and I can offer the parcels to the general public at the August auction. Putting the property back into taxpayer ownership will keep the value on the tax rolls and prevent loss of tax dollars. Also, the County is covering the cost of holding the public auction and the cost of defense from lawsuits relating to the 2021 legislation. By taking the option to purchase the parcels, the local unit of government takes on these costs and any subsequent lawsuits.

Parcel#	Address	Delinquent Taxes	2x SEV	Claim(s) Filed?
001-111-005-10	20 Acres E of Rock	\$ 1,426.06	\$ 23,200	No
003-124-012-00	6111 E Stonington AA.5 Ro	830.11	2,400	Yes
010-104-016-00	US HWY 2 near Foxy's Den	1,072.36	13,600	No
012-183-067-00	8344 25 th Ln	2,264.76	52,000	Yes
014-060-019-00	18 th Rd, near Danforth Rd	633.37	600	No
041-400-005-00	16026 Water Street	5,868.75	37,000	Yes
041-417-007-00	6438 State Street	6,072.39	62.800	Yes
051-010-2930-477-002	1017 2 nd Ave S	6,584.04	75,200	No
051-200-3606-186-005	2511 S 21 st St	7,164.66	145,200	Yes
051-320-2930-402-005	1409 1 st Ave N	8,773.09	78,000	Yes
051-370-2919-178-004	1412 Stevenson Ave	6,137.45	78,400	Yes
051-412-2836-200-005	2720 7 th Pl	5,534.45	104,200	No
051-412-2836-200-011	2705 7 th Ave S	5,360.98	101,400	No
051-420-2836-200-089	2717 7 th Ave S	2,830.23	56,200	Yes
052-617-009-00	611 29 th St	7,305.53	94,600	(Yes)

Delta County Foreclosed Land List:

Please email me at sgodfrey@deltacountymi.gov or write to Delta County Treasurer, 310 Ludington Street, Escanaba, MI 49829 to express interest in acquisition of a parcel. For any questions, please call me at 906-789-5152.

Thank You,

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Sherry Godfrey Delta County Treasurer

