

**ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION
BOARD MEETING
AGENDA
Thursday, February 4, 2016
9:00 a.m.**

THIS MEETING IS CALLED PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT, ADEQUATE NOTICE OF WHICH HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO THE NEWARK STAR LEDGER, A LOCAL NEWSPAPER AND SUCH NOTICE HAVING BEEN POSTED IN THE ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION.

1. ROLL CALL
2. Approval of January 2016 minutes
3. Date Tax List Filed for Extension Town: Newark
4. Status of Revaluations: 2017 Caldwell, Essex Fells, Millburn, Maplewood & South Orange, 2018 Belleville & Montclair, 2019 Nutley
5. Municipal Revaluation Statistics
6. Approval of Overrides
7. Update of Appeals
8. Update of Deeds
9. Public Speakers
10. New Business
11. Closed Session: (A) Belleville (B) Bloomfield
12. Adjournment

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT

ABSENT

O'BRIEN, PRESIDENT

X

DEFURIA

X

GRODMAN

X

JOHNSON

X (arrived at 9:23)

LINARES

X

MATARAZZO

X

STEWART

X

*** AGENDA MAY BE AMENDED PRIOR TO BOARD MEETING***

A meeting of the Essex County Board of taxation was held on Thursday, February 4, 2016 at 9:19 a.m. at its office located at 50 South Clinton Street, Suite 5200, East Orange, New Jersey.

1. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following members were present; President O'Brien, Commissioners DeFuria, Grodman, Linares, Matarazzo and Administrator Durkin. Commissioner Johnson arrived at the meeting at 9:23 a.m. Commissioner Stewart was absent.

President O'Brien introduced and welcomed new staff member Arlene Estrella.

2. Approval of January 2016 minutes

Commissioner Grodman made a motion to approve the minutes for the January 11, 2016 meeting. Commissioner Matarazzo seconded the motion. All were in favor with the exception of President O'Brien (absent from January meeting)

3. Date Tax List Filed for Extension Town: Newark

Administrative Assistant Kenya Kourkoulis stated that the City of Newark filed the tax listing on January 15, 2016, the extension date that they requested.

4. Status of Revaluations: 2017 Caldwell, Essex Fells, Millburn, Maplewood & South Orange, 2018 Belleville & Montclair, 2019 Nutley

2017

Caldwell

George Librizzi, Tax Assessor stated township maps have been completed and returned on January 26, 2016. There is some controversy within the township and the Engineer. Discussion followed regarding location of maps, payment to Engineer, etc.

9:23 a.m. – Commissioner Johnson in attendance.

Essex Fells

Kevin Esposito, Tax Assessor stated on January 28th the tax maps were sent to the mapping section of NJ Division of Taxation. Also, we are waiting for the approval of the revaluation contract; I will keep the Board informed of the progress.

Millburn

Administrator Durkin stated RFP being worked on, Engineer had a heart attack, and tax maps

approved (2014) but have to be reviewed by the State again.

Maplewood & South Orange

Administrator Durkin stated that Maplewood and South Orange are reviewing the responses that they received for the contract for the reassessment.

2018

Belleville

Kevin Esposito, Tax Assessor stated that State received the tax maps in July. The Township election is this upcoming May, and we will move forward.

Montclair- George Librizzi, Tax Assessor stated that the costs of maps will be more like \$20,000 than the \$10,000 that was estimated. The Township is having a May election and the Revaluation will be revisited after that. Discussion followed regarding maps, new construction, Tax Abatements, etc.

2019

Nutley

Administrator Durkin stated that she has no updated report from Patrick regarding the revaluation. George Librizzi, former Tax Assessor for Nutley stated that tax maps are good and Commissioner Evans is aware of revaluation for 2019.

5. Municipal Revaluation Statistics

Administrator Durkin stated that no revaluation orders for this year. Discussion followed regarding the ratios of Fairfield and Verona, Glen Ridge house market, etc.

6. Approval of Overrides

Kenya Kourkoulis, Administrative Assistant informed the Board that for the year 2016, sixty overrides have been completed as of today; Belleville – 31, Bloomfield – 2, Caldwell – 1, East Orange – 3, Fairfield – 1, Millburn – 2, Montclair – 2, Newark – 4, Orange – 7, Roseland – 5, West Orange – 2. A motion was made by Commissioner DeFuria to approve the 2016 Overrides. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion all were in favor.

7. Update of Appeals

Ms. Kourkoulis stated 22 tax appeals have received and processed as of 4:00 yesterday.

8. Update of Deeds

Ms. Kourkoulis informed the Board that as of January 25, 2016, 8,202 deeds keyed into the system.

9. Public Speakers

Administrator Durkin informed the Board that Commissioner Stewart wanted to see a comparison of ratables for the years 2015-2016. A comparison was completed and for the year 2016 it showed a decrease in the amount of 120,695,221. The reasons for the loss in ratables is demolition, fires, judgments, abatements and exemptions. Discussion followed.

10. New Business

No new business.

11. Closed Session: (A) Belleville (B) Bloomfield

A motion was made by Commissioner Grodman to enter Executive Session at 10:10 a.m. for the purpose (A) Belleville Township (B) Bloomfield Township. Commissioner DeFuria seconded the motion. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Commissioner DeFuria to exit Executive Session at 10:15 a.m. and return to open session for the remainder of the meeting. Commissioner Grodman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

12. Adjournment

With no further business, Commissioner DeFuria made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:16 a.m. Commissioner Linares seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Codey Durkin, Tax Administrator

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