

**ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION
BOARD MEETING**

AGENDA

Thursday, January 12, 2015

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. Welcome New Commissioner Peter Stewart, Esq.
3. Approval of December 15, 2014 Minutes
4. File 2015 Tax List
5. Newark Requesting Extension to January 30, 2015
6. Resolution to Adopt Change Fund
7. Status of Revaluation for Caldwell and Essex Fells
8. Update of Deeds
9. Public Speakers
10. New Business
11. Adjournment

<u>COMMISSIONERS</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
<i>O'Brien President</i>	X	
<i>DeFuria</i>		X
<i>Grodman</i>	X	
<i>Johnson</i>	X	
<i>Linares</i>	X	
<i>Matarazzo</i>	X (arrived at 9:30)	
<i>Stewart</i>	X	
<i>Admin. Durkin</i>		X

AGENDA MAY BE AMENDED PRIOR TO BOARD MEETING

A meeting of the Essex County Board of Taxation was held on Monday, January 12, 2015 at 9:20 a.m. at its office, 50 South Clinton Street, Suite 5200, East Orange, NJ.

1. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following members were present: President O'Brien, Commissioners Grodman, Johnson, Linares, and new Commissioner Stewart. Matarazzo arrived at 9:30. Commissioner DeFuria and Administrator Durkin were absent.

2. Welcome New Commissioner Peter Stewart, Esq.

President O'Brien introduced new Tax Board Commissioner Peter Stewart, Esq., and then Commissioner Stewart informed the Board of his background.

3. Approval of December 15, 2014 minutes

President O'Brien stated the motion to approve the minutes would wait until Commissioner Matarazzo was present. (Commissioner Matarazzo arrived at 9:30) Commissioner Matarazzo made a motion to approve the December 15, 2014 minutes, Commissioner Grodman seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

4. File 2015 Tax Lists

Belleville - Filed
Bloomfield - Filed
Caldwell - Will be filed today
Cedar Grove - Filed
East Orange - Filed
Essex Fells - Filed
Fairfield - Filed
Glen Ridge - Filed
Irvington - Filed
Livingston – Will be filed today
Maplewood - Filed
Millburn - Filed
Montclair - Will be filed today
Newark – Request for extension (Granted)
North Caldwell- Filed
Nutley-Filed
Orange- Filed
Roseland - Filed
South Orange – Filed – 1/8/15
Verona - Filed
West Caldwell- Filed
West Orange - Filed

5. Newark Requesting Extension to January 30, 2015

Newark Tax Assessor Romal Bullock, Esq. was present and requested an extension until January 30, 2015 to file the Tax List with the Board. Commissioner Linares made a motion to grant Newark an extension until January 30, 2015 to file its Tax List, Commissioner Grodman seconded the motion. All were in favor with the exception of Commissioner Johnson who abstained.

6. Resolution to Adopt Change Fund

President O'Brien read into the minutes the Resolution for a Change Fund. Commissioner Johnson made the motion to approve the Resolution for a Change Fund. Commissioner Matarazzo seconded the motion. All were in favor.

7. Status of Revaluation for Caldwell and Essex Fells

Caldwell

Kenya Kourkoulis, Administrative Assistant stated that while Joan Kozeniesky, Tax Assessor for Caldwell, was not in attendance, information received by the Essex County Tax Board is that the Revaluation specs have been completed, and it is anticipated Caldwell will seek proposals on February 3, 2015. The tax maps are in progress.

Essex Fells

Kevin Esposito, Tax Assessor for Essex Fells, reported that the Council has authorized the Borough Clerk to advertise for bids for the Revaluation.

8. Update of Deeds

Kenya Kourkoulis, Administrative Assistant informed the Board as of December 29, 2014 6,432 deeds have been keyed. That is an increase of 400 deeds from this time last year.

9. Public Speakers

President O'Brien requested that the Assessors and their Staff state what town they represent and introduce themselves to Commissioner Stewart.

10. New Business

No new business

11. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am on a motion made by Commissioner Johnson and was seconded by Commissioner Grodman. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
President Mary Devon O'Brien