

**ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION
BOARD MEETING**

AGENDA

Thursday, February 1, 2018

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 2018 minutes
3. Update of Tax List Filing for Extension Towns: East Orange, Newark & Orange
4. Status of Revaluations: 2018 Montclair, 2019 Belleville, 2021 Nutley
5. Update of Revaluations: 2019 Fairfield, Glen Ridge, Livingston & Verona, 2020 Bloomfield & Roseland
6. Fairfield & Livingston Resolutions
7. Nutley Resolution Approved
8. Municipal Revaluation Statistics
9. Approval of Overrides
10. Update of Appeals
11. Update of Deeds
12. Public Speakers
13. New Business
14. Adjournment

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT

ABSENT

MATARAZZO, PRESIDENT

X

DEFURIA

X

GRODMAN

X

JOHNSON

X

LINARES

X

O'BRIEN

X

ADMIN. DURKIN

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

A meeting of the Essex County Board of Taxation was held on Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 9:15 AM 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 Matarazzo, Commissioners Grodman, Johnson, Linares and O'Brien. Commissioner DeFuria was not present.

2. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 10, 2018 MINUTES

Commissioner Linares made the motion to approve the January 10, 2018 Board minutes, Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3. UPDATE OF TAX LIST FILING FOR EXTENSION TOWNS: EAST ORANGE, NEWARK & ORANGE

East Orange Tax List filed on January 31, 2018, Newark and Orange closing date today, February 1, 2018, Tax Lists to be delivered to Essex County Tax Board on Monday, February 5, 2018.

4. STATUS OF REVALUATIONS; 2018 Montclair, 2019 Belleville, 2021 Nutley

Montclair Assessor Librizzi stated $\frac{3}{4}$ Notices of Revaluation Assessments have been sent out the balance will be sent out by mid month. Hearings on assessments started today at the firehouse. Through his analysis so far 64% of assessments will go down, increase in tax dollars might go up by \$500.

Nutley Assessor Brown stated that since the revaluation has been pushed back by 2 years the contract will be ready by the Spring of 2019 and the tax maps are being updated. Administrator Durkin stated that she will meet with the Assessor at a later date to go over the schedule and time frame which was part of the resolution.

Belleville Assessor Esposito stated that the tax maps will be forwarded to the State for approval by February 19th. The revaluation company is to submit a schedule for inspections to begin as soon as the company is finished with the Verona revaluation. he expects the revaluation to be submitted on time.

5. UPDATE OF REVALUATIONS; 2019 Fairfield, Glen Ridge, Livingston & Verona, 2020 Bloomfield & Roseland

Fairfield Assessor Leposky submitted a letter stating that the tax map company is dealing with the corrections from the State, the Town officials have received a copy of the draft RFP and upon review and approval they will advertise for the revaluation. Administrator is also reviewing the draft RFP. If the Board approves the resolution changing the timeframe from 2019 to 2020 it will be on the agenda for the March 1, 2018 meeting. President Matarazzo introduced the resolution changing the year for revaluation from 2019 to 2020, motion made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, motion passed.

Glen Ridge Assessor Librizzi stated all residential, commercial and exempt inspections have been made the revaluation company is not revisiting the properties they were unable to gain entrance to. Daytime, evening and Saturday appointments will be available to residents that request appointments to go over their records. Revaluation Company is in the process of preparing land/sales maps and cost parameters.

Livingston Assessor Dumytsch submitted a letter stating that the RFP is set to be issued on today February 1, 2018. She is currently working on resolving the tax map and MOD IV issues. Administrator Durkin stated that a new Business Administrator has been hired by Livingston and is due to start on March 1, 2018. Administrator Durkin is working with Assessor Librizzi and Assessor Dumytsch to make sure that the tax maps are corrected and submitted to the State.

Verona Assessor Librizzi stated 500 inspections have been completed the town has approximately 5,000 line items and 800 condo units. He stated that the condo units do not need to be measured the revaluation company uses the measurements as stated in the master deed. President Matarazzo questioned the accuracy of the measurements and Assessor Librizzi assured him that the measurements are prepared by an architect and the master deed is an official document that must be filed with the Department of Community Affairs in Trenton. A meeting is scheduled with the revaluation company for February 21st with the Town of Verona and all revaluation information will be posted on the Town web site.

Bloomfield Assessor Pisauro is working on the draft RFP for the 2020 Bloomfield revaluation he should have a completed copy by the next Board meeting and also an update on the tax maps.

Roseland Assessor Esposito stated tax maps should be submitted to the State by February 19th, the RFP draft is in its final stages and should be completed by the end of this month and is expected to be advertised in March. He expects the revaluation to be on time.

6. LIVINGSTON RESOLUTION

Livingston Resolution changing the revaluation year from 2019 to 2020 was signed by the Commissioners present at the meeting.

7. NUTLEY RESOLUTION

The Division of Taxation approved the Resolution changing the revaluation year from 2019 to 2021

8. MUNICIPAL REVALUATION STATISTICS

The Municipal Revaluation Statistics as of February 1, 2018 was discussed by Administrator Durkin. She also stated that she had shared the information with the Board of Chosen Freeholders at the annual Budget Hearings. She explained to the Freeholder Board the reasons for the revaluation orders and how the order for revaluation is always discussed with the Mayor's, Business Administrator's, Municipal Council's and Assessor's to assure compliance and planning.

Discussion on market trends was discussed with Assessor's and an article concerning the new tax laws and the effect on market values was distributed.

9. APPROVAL OF OVERRIDES

Motion to approve overrides for Belleville, Bloomfield, Fairfield, Irvington, Livingston, Millburn, North Caldwell, South Orange and West Orange made by Commissioner O'Brien seconded by Commissioner Grodman. Motion passed.

10. UPDATE ON APPEALS

20 Appeals have been filed as of January 31, 2018

11. UPDATE ON DEEDS

As of January 12th 10,027 deeds have been keyed in which is 340 more than last year During the same time period.

12. PUBLIC SPEAKERS

None

13. NEW BUSINESS

None

14. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 9:40 AM made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien. Motion passed

*Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Codey Durkin, Tax Administrator*

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