

ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION
BOARD MEETING
AGENDA
Thursday, November 5, 2015
9:00 a.m.

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

1. ROLL CALL
2. Approval of October 1, 2015 Minutes
3. Status of Deeds
4. Status of Assessor Positions: Caldwell, Montclair and Nutley
5. Revaluation Updates: Caldwell and Essex Fells
6. Revaluation Orders for Belleville, Maplewood, Millburn, Montclair, Nutley & South Orange
7. Application for Chapter 251 Compliance Plan: Bloomfield, Cedar Grove & West Caldwell
8. Approval of 2015 Abstract of Ratables/Added Omitted Abstract
9. Added/Omitted Hearings – Monday, December 14, 2015
10. Assessors Christmas Luncheon – Wednesday, December 16, 2015
11. Public Speakers
12. New Business
13. Adjournment

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT

ABSENT

O'BRIEN, PRESIDENT

X

DEFURIA

X

GRODMAN

X

JOHNSON

X

LINARES

X

MATARAZZO

X

STEWART

X

ADMN. DURKIN

X

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

A meeting of the Essex County Board of Taxation was held on Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 9:14 a.m. at its offices, 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, Matarazzo, Stewart and Administrator Durkin. Commissioner DeFuria was not present.

2. Approval of October 1, 2015 Minutes

The motion to approve the October 1, 2015 minutes was made by Commissioner Matarazzo and seconded by Commissioner Stewart. All were in favor, with Commissioner Grodman and Linares abstaining.

3. Status of Deeds

Kenya Kourkoulis, Administrative Assistant stated that as of October 22nd, 4,698 deeds have been keyed. 240 more deeds have been processed since this time last year. Much discussion was followed regarding the processing of deeds and the technical problems.

4. Status of Assessor Positions: Caldwell, Montclair and Nutley

Caldwell & Montclair - Administrator Durkin stated George Librizzi, CTA is the Caldwell & Montclair Tax Assessor.

Nutley – Administrator Durkin stated that she reached out to Township of Nutley Commissioner Tom Evans to see if the position had been advertised. He was out of the office.

5. Revaluation Updates: Caldwell and Essex Fells

Caldwell – Administrator Durkin stated a copy of the contract was emailed to the Commissioners on October 26, 2015 for their review. The Tax Maps are the hold up and George is working on resolving the issues.

Essex Fells - Kevin Esposito, Tax Assessor stated the process of updating the Tax Maps is in the final stages. They should be sent to the Division of Taxation within the next 2 weeks.

6. Revaluation Orders for Belleville, Maplewood, Millburn, Montclair,

Nutley and South Orange

Kevin Esposito, Tax Assessor for Belleville, Ed Galante, Tax Assessor for Maplewood, Lisa Baratto, Tax Assessor for Millburn and Ellen Malgieri, Tax Assessor for South Orange were in attendance. Much discussion was had regarding the criteria for the orders of a revaluation. Administrator Durkin stated that she will be looking at other municipalities as well.

Commissioner Johnson made the motion to approve the revaluation orders for the Township of Belleville for the year 2018. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grodman. All were in favor.

Commissioner Stewart made the motion to approve the joint revaluation orders for the Township of Maplewood and South Orange for 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matarazzo. All were in favor, with President O'Brien and Commissioner Grodman abstaining.

Commissioner Stewart made the motion to approve the revaluation order for the Township of Millburn for the year 2017. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Matarazzo. All were in favor.

Commissioner Johnson made the motion to approve the revaluation order for the Township of Montclair for 2018. Commissioner Matarazzo seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Commissioner Grodman made the motion to approve the revaluation order for the Township of Nutley for 2019. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

7. Application for Chapter 251 Compliance Plan: Bloomfield, Cedar Grove & West Caldwell

Administrator Durkin stated that she will meet with those Assessors the first week of December and would go over their compliance plans. Discussion was had regarding ratios, sales, etc.

8. Approval of 2015 Abstract of Ratables/Added/ Omitted Abstract

Kenya Kourkoulis, Administrative Assistant stated that the Abstract is not complete waiting for SIDS from the City of Newark. Discussion was had regarding Pilot programs, Exempt properties, etc. A motion was made by Commissioner Grodman to approve the 2015 Abstract of Ratables after the Auditor's review. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Ms. Kourkoulis stated that the Added/Omitted Abstract is complete. Commissioner Grodman made the motion to approve the 2015 Added/Omitted Abstract of Ratables. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion. All were in favor.

9. Added/Omitted hearings – Monday, December 14, 2015

Administrator Durkin stated that the Added/Omitted hearings will be heard the same day as the next Board meeting Monday, December 14, 2015.

10. Assessors Christmas Luncheon – Wednesday, December 16, 2015

Jim Gibbs, former Assessor from Irvington stated that the Assessors Christmas Luncheon will be Wednesday, December 16th at 12 noon at the Manor in West Orange.

11. Public Speakers

Administrator Durkin stated that the NJACTB luncheon will be held on Wednesday, November 18th at the League of Municipalities.

12. New Business

No new business.

At 10:24 a.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Johnson to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Grodman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

At 10:34 a.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Grodman to exit Executive Session and return to open session. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion. All were in favor.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m., on a motion made by Commissioner Johnson and was seconded by Commissioner Grodman. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Codey Durkin, CTA

JCD/pms