

****Lenovo Refresher Course after meeting at 10am - BRT (Assessors) ****

**ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION
BOARD MEETING
AGENDA**

**Monday, October 2, 2017
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 September 7, 2017 Minutes
3. Accept AA/OA Books filed / Roll Call
4. Tax Rates to be Certified: Irvington, Newark & Nutley
5. Update 2017 Abstract of Ratables & Added Omitted Abstract
6. Status of Revaluations: 2018 Belleville and Montclair, 2019 Nutley
7. Update Regarding Revaluations: 2019 Fairfield, Glen Ridge, Livingston & Verona, 2020 Bloomfield & Roseland
8. Review of Verona Revaluation Contract
9. Status of Deeds
10. Update Orange Assessor
11. Commissioner Peter Stewart
12. NJ League of Municipalities
13. Public Speakers
14. New Business
15. Closed Session: Approve Minutes
16. Adjournment

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT

ABSENT

MATARAZZO, PRESIDENT

X

DEFURIA

X

GRODMAN

X

JOHNSON

X

LINARES

X

O'BRIEN

X

ADMIN. DURKIN

X

AGENDA MAY BE AMENDED PRIOR TO BOARD MEETING

A meeting of the Essex County Board of Taxation was held on Monday, October 2, 2017 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 Matarazzo, Commissioners Grodman, Johnson, O'Brien and Administrator Durkin. Commissioners DeFuria and Linares were not present

2. Approval of September 7, 2017 Minutes

Vote to approve September 7, 2017 will take place at the November meeting due to quorum requirements.

3. Accept AA/OA Books filed / Roll Call

Roll call was had regarding the filing of the 2017 AA/OA books. Twenty municipalities filed their books with the exception of Fairfield and Newark.

4. Tax Rates to be certified: Irvington, Newark & Nutley

Commissioner O'Brien made the motion to approve the 2017 tax rates for Irvington, Newark and Nutley. Commissioner Grodman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

5. Update 2017 Abstract of Ratables & Added Omitted Abstract

Commissioner O'Brien made a motion to approve the 2017 Abstract of Ratables after the review and approval of the Auditor. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

6. Status of Revaluations: 2018 Belleville and Montclair, 2019 Nutley

Belleville

Kevin Esposito, Tax Assessor stated that an ordinance authorizing a Special Emergency Appropriation was introduced for its first reading on September 16, 2017. The second reading will be on October 10th. I have a final goal of October 4, 2017 to complete the map process.

After much discussion, the decision was made for an extension for the Township of Belleville to have the Revaluation completed for 2019. Commissioner Johnson made the motion to approve the extension for the Township of Belleville until 2019. Commissioner Grodman seconded the motion. All were in favor. (Commissioner O'Brien read the Resolution into minutes).

Montclair

George Librizzi, Tax Assessor stated that 7,200 residential properties have been inspected. All commercial properties have been inspected and are currently being priced. Digital photos of the front, back and any accessory buildings on the properties are taken as they are inspected.

7. Update Regarding Revaluations: 2019 Fairfield, Glen Ridge, Livingston & Verona, 2020 Bloomfield & Roseland

2019

Fairfield

Administrator Durkin read the Revaluation Update notice from Mike Leposky, CTA into the minutes. The Board would like the Township of Fairfield Representatives to attend the November Board meeting.

Glen Ridge

George Librizzi, CTA stated that the tax maps should be approved by the State shortly. The revaluation contract has been signed by the revaluation company and waiting for the mayor's signature.

Livingston

Lidia Dumytsch, CTA stated that on September 18, 2017 the Livingston Town Council awarded the contract to update the tax maps to Civil Solutions. Working on the RFP for the revaluation company, I hope to have my input in by the end of October, and then turn it over to the council for their review.

Verona

George Librizzi, CTA stated you have received a copy of the revaluation contract for the Boards review.

2020

Bloomfield

Joe Pisauero, CTA stated hopefully at the Council meeting on October 16, 2017 the Resolution hiring Remington, Vernick & Arango to update the tax maps will be approved.

Discussion was had regarding the drafting of the RFP before a signed contract, funding in place, etc.

Roseland

Kevin Esposito, CTA stated Maser Consulting is working on the tax maps. The Township will fund the revaluation through a special emergency appropriation ordinance. Roseland will be ready to start fieldwork in January 2019.

8. Review of Verona Revaluation Contract

A motion was made by Commissioner O'Brien to approve the Verona Revaluation Contract. Commissioner Grodman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

9. Status of Deeds

Kenya Kourkoulis, Administrative Assistant stated that 4,360 deeds have been keyed. The increase from this time last year is 260 deeds.

10. Update of Orange Assessor

Administrative Durkin announced the new Orange Tax Assessor Aaron Wilson, CTA.

11. Commissioner Peter Stewart

Administrator Durkin stated that Commissioner Peter Stewart, Esq. resigned from the Board effective September 15, 2017.

Administrator Durkin read a letter from a Millburn Petitioner to Commissioner Stewart praising his professionalism and his wit during the petitioners hearing.

12. NJ League of Municipalities

Kenya Kourkoulis, Administrative Assistant stated the League of Municipalities is going to be November 14th – 16th. The Assessors luncheon will be that Wednesday, November 15th at Bally's.

13. Public Speakers

Joe Pisauro, CTA stated that the Assessor's Christmas Luncheon is going to be held on Friday, December 15, 2017. Discussion was had regarding appraisal license classes, Assessor dues, etc.

14. New Business

Discussion was had regarding digital mapping.

15. Closed Session: Approve Minutes

Vote to approve the Closed Session minutes will take place at the November meeting due to quorum requirements.

16. Adjournment

Commissioner Grodman made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 a.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Codey Durkin*

JCD/pms