

**ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION
BOARD MEETING
AGENDA
Thursday, September 5, 2013
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. *Motion to approve August 2013 minutes*
3. *Motion to approve judgments rendered from August 2nd and up to and including August 23rd.*
4. *Motion to approve Tax Court Pending and Assessors Appeals*
5. *Tax Rates to be approved*
6. *Caldwell Tax Assessor Vacancy*
7. *Discussion regarding September & October Hearings*
8. *Update of Revaluations for Irvington and Orange 2014*
9. *Status of Deeds*
10. *Status of Appeals*
11. *Public Speakers*
12. *New Business*
13. *Adjournment*

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT

ABSENT

O'BRIEN, PRESIDENT

X

DEFURIA

X

JOHNSON

X (arrived 9:30)

LINARES

X

MATARAZZO, JR.

X

WILLIS

X

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

A meeting of the Essex County Board of Taxation was held on Thursday, September 5, 2013 at 9:20 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 of the Board were present: President O'Brien, Commissioners DeFuria, Matarazzo, Willis and Administrator Durkin. Commissioner Johnson arrived at 9:30. Commissioner Linares was absent.

2. Motion to approve August 2013 minutes

Commissioner Willis moved that the August 2013 minutes be approved and was seconded by Commissioner DeFuria. All were in favor.

New motion for July 2013 minutes had to be addressed; Commissioner Linares was absent at the July 2013 Board meeting and moved the motion, when he should have abstained.

Commissioner Matarazzo moved that the July 2013 minutes be approved and was seconded by Commissioner Willis. All were in favor.

3. Motion to approve judgments rendered from August 2nd and up to and including August 23rd.

Motion to approve the judgments was moved by Commissioner Matarazzo and was seconded by Commissioner Willis all were in favor.

4. Motion to approve Tax Court Pending and Assessors Appeals

Motion to approve Tax Court Pending and Assessors appeals was made by Commissioner Matarazzo and seconded by Commissioner Willis. All were in favor.

5. Tax Rates to be approved

Kenya Kourkoulis read into the minutes the completed tax rates since the August board meeting. They are as follows: Caldwell, Fairfield, Glen Ridge, North Caldwell, and Orange.

Motion to approve the municipal tax rates listed was made by Commissioner Matarazzo and was seconded by Commissioner Willis, All were in favor.

Administrator Durkin stated that East Orange and Essex Fells tax rates have been completed and submitted for approval to Joe Faccone, Auditor and both Municipalities CFO and tax collector. East Orange tax rate \$4.724 and Essex Fells is \$1.912.

A request was made for a motion to approve proposed taxes rates after approval from auditor and municipalities. Commissioner Willis made the motion and was seconded by Commissioner Matarazzo. All were in favor.

6. Caldwell Tax Assessor Vacancy

Administrator Durkin received a letter dated August 12, 2013 from Jack Kelly, Caldwell Tax Assessor stating he retired effective July 31, 2013. He will be assisting the Borough until a new assessor is hired.

7. Discussion regarding September and October Hearings

Commissioner Johnson arrived (9:30 a.m.)

Kenya Kourkoulis stated September would be for towns that need a clean- up date.

Administrator Durkin stated that Skoloff and Wolfe requested a full board hearing for Ivy Hill Park located in the City of Newark. The 8 appeals will be scheduled for October 1st, which is the next board meeting. Discussion followed.

8. Update of Revaluation for Irvington and Orange 2014

Irvington

Sylvia Forbes, Assessor stated on September 4th a second review of the tax maps was completed and is waiting for approval. Four more field inspectors have been added and the revaluation is moving along. Status of Revaluation report from Jason Cohen submitted for Boards review.

Orange

Matt Rinaldi, Tax Assessor stated Chapter 91 forms have been mailed. Commercial and residential neighborhoods have been established. Revaluation is on target. Tyler Technologies submitted revaluation updated report.

Administrator Durkin stated a meeting is scheduled with the State, for both Irvington and Orange in October for an update regarding the progress of the revaluations.

9. Status of Deeds

Administrator Durkin stated 1,865 deeds have been processed so far this year. The state is having a problem with the deeds serial numbers but should be corrected shortly.

10. Status of Appeals

Kenya Kourkoulis stated that seven towns are scheduled with clean ups in September for hearings. Newark will have to have two days for clean ups in October.

11. Public Speakers

Administrator Durkin stated the next meeting of the NJCTBA is September 24. Please let her know who would like to attend because they need a headcount.

George Librizzi stated that the American School of Business is having classes regarding Compliance Plan and the cost is \$89.00. He will supply information if anyone would like to attend.

12. New Business

No new business.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m. by a motion made by Commissioner Willis and was seconded by Commissioner Matarazzo. All were in favor.

*Respectfully Submitted:
Joan Codey Durkin, CTA
Essex County Tax Administrator*

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