

**ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**AGENDA**  
**Thursday, June 4, 2020**

**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 April 2020 & May 2020 Board Minutes*
3. *2020 Preliminary & Final Equalization Table*
4. *Status of Deeds*
5. *Status of Appeals*
6. *Bill #2387 Passed for July 1, 2020 Appeal Deadline*
7. *Resolutions to Extend 2021 Revaluation Towns to 2022*
8. *Update of Revaluations: 2021 North Caldwell, Nutley & Roseland  
2022 East Orange, 2023 Newark, 2024 Irvington & Orange, 2025  
West Orange*
9. *Motion to approve judgments rendered in May including and up to  
June 4<sup>th</sup> (Including TCP, Stips & withdrawals)*
10. *Bloomfield Tax Assessor Vacancy Update*
11. *Chapter 123*
12. *New Business*
13. *Public Speakers*
14. *Adjournment*

**COMMISSIONERS**

**PRESENT**

**ABSENT**

**O'BRIEN, PRESIDENT**

**X**

**DEFURIA**

**X**

**GRODMAN**

**X**

**JOHNSON**

**X**

**MATARAZZO**

**X**

**ADMIN. DURKIN**

**X**

**\*\*Agenda can be amended at any time prior to meeting\***

A meeting of the Essex County Board of Taxation was held via Zoom Conference due to COVID-19 on Thursday, June 4, 2020 at 9:15 AM.

**1. ROLL CALL**

Upon Roll Call, the following members were present: President O'Brien, Commissioners DeFuria, Grodman, Johnson, Matarazzo and Administrator Durkin.

**2. APPROVAL OF APRIL 2020 & MAY 2020 BOARD MINUTES**

Approval of minutes will be postponed to the next scheduled Board Meeting.

**3. 2020 PRELIMINARY & FINAL EQUALIZATION TABLE**

A motion to approve the 2020 Preliminary & Final Equalization table was made by Commissioner Grodman pending final review by the Auditor due to an error in Newark's figures, Seconded by Commissioner DeFuria, all in favor motion approved.

**4. STATUS OF DEEDS**

It was reported that 14,035 Deeds have been keyed in as of June 1, 2020, which is approximately 1,459 less than last year covering this same period.

**5. STATUS OF APPEALS**

It was reported that 2,643 Appeals have been entered as of June 4, 2020.

**6. BILL #2387 PASSED FOR JULY 1, 2020 APPEAL DEADLINE**

A discussion of the extension of the Tax Appeal filing deadline date until July 1, 2020 followed regarding the process of handling Stipulations of Settlements and Scheduling of Tax Appeal Hearings.

**7. RESOLUTIONS TO EXTEND 2021 REVALUATION TOWNS TO 2022**

A motion to approve the Resolution to extend North Caldwell's Revaluation from 2021 to 2022 was made by Commissioner Johnson, Seconded by Commissioner Grodman, all in favor motion approved.

A motion to approve the Resolution to extend Nutley's Revaluation from 2021 to 2022 was made by Commissioner Johnson, Seconded by Commissioner Grodman, all in favor motion approved.

A motion to approve the Resolution to extend Roseland's Revaluation from 2021 to 2022 was made by Commissioner Johnson, Seconded by Commissioner Grodman, all in favor motion approved.

**8. UPDATE OF REVALUATIONS: 2021 NORTH CALDWELL, NUTLEY & ROSELAND, 2022 EAST ORANGE, 2023 NEWARK, 2024 IRVINGTON & ORANGE, 2025 WEST ORANGE**

2021 North Caldwell Assessor George Librizzi filed his monthly report stating that the inspection process will possibly begin in the Fall of 2020.

2021 Nutley Assessor Edmund Brown filed his monthly report stating that inspections will begin as soon as the COVID-19 crisis passes. Postcards will be sent to taxpayers once their tax map page has been assigned to an inspector letting residents know their revaluation inspection is imminent.

2021 Roseland Assessor Kevin Esposito filed his monthly report stating the possibility of starting inspections in the Fall of 2020.

2022 East Orange Assessor Romal Bullock has not filed a monthly report.

2023 Newark Assessor Aaron Wilson filed his monthly report stating he heard back from the State regarding revising the qualifier on the 4,115 condominiums that will have to be changed prior to tax map approval. He expects Tax Map approval toward the end of 2020.

2024 Irvington Assessor Silvia Forbes submitted her timeline with nothing new to report on Revaluation.

2024 Orange Assessor Christopher Murray submitted his monthly report with no new updates regarding Revaluation.

2025 West Orange Assessor Kevin Dillon submitted his monthly report stating he is awaiting the Township Council to approve the Consent Order and the Tax Maps are continuing to be updated.

**9. MOTION TO APPROVE JUDGMENTS RENDERED IN MAY INCLUDING AND UP TO JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup> (INCLUDING TCP, STIPS & WITHDRAWALS)**

A motion to approve Judgments rendered in May including and up to June 4<sup>th</sup> (including TCP, Stips & Withdrawals was made by Commissioner Matarazzo, Seconded by Commissioner Grodman, all in favor motion approved.

**10. BLOOMFIELD TAX ASSESSOR VACANCY UPDATE**

According to Matthew Watkins, Bloomfield Business Administrator, they have not yet hired a Tax Assessor. Administrator Durkin alerted him that Bloomfield has over 300 Tax Appeals as of today.

## **11. CHAPTER 123**

Administrator Durkin stated that when hearings start, Chapter 123 must be adhered to and reminded that value is as of October 1, 2019 and not fallen values due to COVID-19.

## **12. NEW BUSINESS**

Administrator Durkin discussed the submission of Municipal Budgets and stressed the importance of budgets being adopted so tax rates for 2020 can be established as soon as possible. She will send letters to Municipal Business Administrators asking when their budgets will be adopted and for their town to stay on top of the State when they submit to Trenton.

She also stressed that the deadline for Deeds is approaching and the Assessors should be working on Added Assessments to generate much needed income for their Municipalities.

## **13. PUBLIC SPEAKERS**

Kevin Esposito asked how the County will be conducting Tax Appeal Hearings. He stated Bergen County will be conducting hearings in late June by Telephone and Morris County is having in person hearings limiting the amount of cases and implementing social distancing. A discussion followed regarding possible Zoom Hearings.

## **14. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 AM was made by Commissioner Johnson, Seconded by Commissioner Matarazzo, all in favor meeting adjourned

**Respectfully Submitted  
Joan Codey Durkin, CTA  
Tax Administrator**

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