

**ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION
BOARD MEETING
AGENDA
FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2020
VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL**

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 April 3, 2020, May 1, 2020, June 4, 2020, June 30, 2020 and July 31, 2020 Minutes*
3. *Motion to Approve Judgments Rendered in August 2020 and Amended Judgments*
4. *Resolution from Orange to Change Revaluation from 2024 to 2022*
5. *Letter to State Requesting Appeal Hearing Extension*
6. *Adjournment*

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT

ABSENT

<i>O'BRIEN, PRESIDENT</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>DEFURIA</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>GRODMAN</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>JOHNSON</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>MATARAZZO</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>ADMIN. DURKIN</i>	<i>X</i>	

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

A meeting of the Essex County Tax Board was held via Zoom on Friday, August 21, 2020 at 9:06 AM

1. ROLL CALL

In attendance via Zoom were: President O'Brien, Commissioners DeFuria, Grodman, Johnson, Matarazzo and Administrator Durkin

2. MOTION TO APPROVE APRIL 3, 2020, MAY 1, 2020, JUNE 4, 2020, JUNE 30, 2020 AND JULY 31, 2020 MINUTES

A motion to approve the Minutes from April 3, 2020, May 1, 2020, June 4, 2020, June 30, 2020 and July 31, 2020 was made by Commissioner Johnson, Seconded by Commissioner DeFuria, all in favor motion approved.

3. MOTION TO APPROVE JUDGMENTS RENDERED IN AUGUST 2020 AND AMENDED JUDGMENTS

A motion to approve Judgments rendered in August 2020 and Amended Judgments was made by Commissioner Matarazzo, Seconded by Commissioner DeFuria, all in favor motion approved, with the exception of those Commissioners who are abstaining from those appeals in the towns in which they have a conflict.

4. RESOLUTION FROM ORANGE TO CHANGE REVALUATION FROM 2024 TO 2022

A motion to approve a Resolution to change the revaluation date for Orange from 2024 to 2022 was made by Commissioner Grodman, Seconded by Commissioner Matarazzo, all in favor motion approved.

This Resolution was the result of a letter submitted by Orange Municipal Council requesting the year to be changed from 2024 to 2022. A copy of the Resolution will be forwarded to the State for Approval.

5. LETTER TO STATE REQUESTING APPEAL HEARING EXTENSION

A motion to approve the letter requesting the appeal hearing extension was made by Commissioner DeFuria, Seconded by Commissioner Johnson, all in favor motion passed.

Administrator Durkin explained the need for the extension in detail, citing reasons such as the building not being open to the public as of today's date, limit on taxpayers in courtrooms and elevators.

Further discussion was on Assessors reaching out to taxpayers to settle as many cases that warranted a reduction. Assessor Aaron Wilson was asked about his pending settlement stipulations and Administrator Durkin stressed how she needed timely responses due to scheduling concerns. All responses on pending cases are to be in writing so only the cases to be scheduled on calendars will be heard.

Other issues were discussed regarding Bloomfield's decision on hiring a Tax Assessor and ASI contracted during revaluation to do added/omitted assessments for this year.

The State Division of Taxation approved the Essex Fells reassessment.

The West Orange Municipal Council agreed on the Revaluation to be held in the year 2025 although the Tax Board has not yet been officially notified.

East Orange and Newark were alerted on the timeline for tax map approval for their respective revaluations.

East Orange Assessor Romal Bullock reported that he has reviewed all of his tax appeals and has forwarded his recommendations to the attorney. The East Orange Engineering Department has forwarded the final tax map revisions to the State.

Administrator Durkin stated there would be no settlement negotiations held at the Tax Board offices because of COVID- 19 restrictions. The courtroom hearings will be limited to 10 minutes. No one except staff will be allowed in the office area.

The next scheduled Tax Board Meeting will be held on September 10, 2020. Currently there is not a plan in place for the start of hearings as it depends on the opening of the building and the availability of the Commissioners. Commissioners will schedule hearing dates with office staff.

6. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 AM was made by Commissioner Matarazzo, Seconded by Commissioner Johnson, all in favor motion approved.