

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

**Thursday, December 17, 2020  
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.**

**ROLL CALL**

1. **ROLL CALL**
2. Approval of November 5, 2020 Minutes & November 19, 2020 Phone Conference Call Minutes
3. Update of Deeds
4. East Orange Revaluation Contract
5. Update of Revaluations: 2022 East Orange, North Caldwell, Nutley, Orange & Roseland, 2023 Newark, 2024 Irvington, 2025 West Orange
6. Update of Reassessment: 2021 Essex Fells
7. Compliance Plan Application: Montclair and Verona
8. Public Speakers
9. New Business
10. Motion to go to Added/Omitted Hearings
11. Motion to go back on record
12. Motion to approve Judgments heard today, December 17, 2020
13. Adjournment

**COMMISSIONERS**

**PRESENT**

**ABSENT**

<b><i>O'Brien, President</i></b>	<b><i>X (via phone)</i></b>
<b><i>DeFuria</i></b>	<b><i>X (via phone)</i></b>
<b><i>Grodman</i></b>	<b><i>X</i></b>
<b><i>Johnson</i></b>	<b><i>X</i></b>
<b><i>Matarazzo</i></b>	<b><i>X</i></b>
<b><i>Admin. Durkin</i></b>	<b><i>X</i></b>

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

A meeting of the Essex County Board of Taxation was held on Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 1:25 PM at its office located at 50 South Clinton Street, East Orange, New Jersey.

### **1. ROLL CALL**

President O'Brien and Commissioner DeFuria were present via phone call; Commissioners Grodman, Johnson, Matarazzo and Tax Administrator Durkin were present at the Essex County Board of Taxation Office.

### **2. MOTION TO GO TO ADDED/OMITTED HEARINGS**

A Motion to go to Added/Omitted Hearings at 1:32 PM was made by Commissioner Johnson, Seconded by Commissioner Matarazzo, all in favor motion approved. Note this was item Number 10 on the agenda.

### **3. MOTION TO GO BACK ON RECORD**

A Motion to go back on record at 2:35 PM was made by Commissioner Johnson, Seconded by Commissioner Matarazzo, all in favor motion approved. Note this was item Number 11 on the agenda.

### **4. MOTION TO APPROVE JUDGMENTS HEARD TODAY, DECEMBER 17, 2020**

A motion to approve Judgments heard today, December 17, 2020 was made by Commissioner Johnson, Seconded by Commissioner Matarazzo, all in favor with the exception of Commissioner Johnson abstaining on the Judgments rendered in Newark and Orange and Commissioner Matarazzo abstaining from Judgments rendered in Montclair, motion was approved.

### **5. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 5, 2020 MINUTES AND NOVEMBER 19, 2020 PHONE CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES**

A Motion to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2020 meeting was made by Commissioner Grodman, Seconded by Commissioner Matarazzo, all in favor motion approved. A Motion to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2020 phone call conference was made by Commissioner Grodman, Seconded by Commissioner Matarazzo, all in favor motion approved.

### **6. UPDATE OF DEEDS**

As of December 1, 2020, six thousand eight hundred ninety seven (6,897) deeds were processed which is approximately 700 less than last year at this same time period.

### **7. EAST ORANGE REVALUATION CONTRACT**

Commissioners to read and comment and will revisit the subject at the January 11, 2021 Essex County Tax Board Meeting.

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

Due to today's snow storm, Tax Assessors in the above stated towns were not present at the meeting. Commissioner Johnson read from the monthly reports filed by those Assessors into the record, (copies attached).

**9. UPDATE OF REASSESSMENT: 2021 ESSEX FELLS**

Sean O'Sullivan, Project Supervisor for PPA (the company doing the Essex Fells reassessment) submitted a letter that was read by Commissioner Johnson stating that letters informing taxpayers of the reassessment were mailed on November 30, 2020 and fieldwork would begin on Monday December 7, 2020 and completed by December 31, 2020.

**10. COMPLIANCE PLAN APPLICATION: MONTCLAIR AND VERONA**

Tax Assessor George Librizzi of both Montclair and Verona is going to withdraw the compliance plans for both Municipalities.

**11. PUBLIC SPEAKERS**

None

**12. NEW BUSINESS**

Tax Administrator Durkin reported that 3 Municipalities: East Orange, Newark and Orange had filed appeals on the 2021 Ratio. There was discussion on Cell Towers and Senate Bill 2725.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

A Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:12 PM was made by Commissioner Grodman, Seconded by Commissioner Matarazzo, all in favor motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted  
Joan Codey Durkin  
Tax Administrator

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