

**ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION  
BOARD MEETING**

**AGENDA**

**Thursday, February 4, 2021**

**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 ON THE ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION WEBSITE.***

1. ROLL CALL
2. Approval of January 2021 Minutes
3. Update of Tax List Filing for Extension Towns: Essex Fells
4. Update of Reassessment: 2021 Essex Fells
5. Update of Revaluations: 2022 East Orange, North Caldwell, Nutley, Orange & Roseland, 2023 Newark, 2024 Irvington, 2025 West Orange
6. Approval of Overrides
7. Update of Appeals
8. Update of Deeds
9. Public Speakers
10. New Business
11. Adjournment

**COMMISSIONERS**

**PRESENT**

**ABSENT**

***O'BRIEN, PRESIDENT***

***X (via phone)***

***DEFURIA***

***X (via phone)***

***GRODMAN***

***X***

***JOHNSON***

***X***

***MATARAZZO***

***X***

***ADMIN. DURKIN***

***X***

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

A meeting of the Essex County Board of Taxation was held on Thursday, February 04, 2021 at 9:35 AM 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 telephone; Commissioners Grodman, Johnson, Matarazzo and Tax Administrator Durkin were present at the Essex County Board of Taxation offices.

**2. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2021 MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2021 meeting was made by Commissioner Grodman, Seconded by Commissioner Matarazzo, all in favor motion approved.

**3. UPDATE OF TAX LIST FILING FOR EXTENSION TOWN: ESSEX FELLS**

Commissioner Johnson read the report from Professional Property Appraisers Inc. (Reassessment Company for Essex Fells) that stated that they are in the final phases of the valuation process. Value letters were to be delivered to taxpayers by February 1, 2021. The informal review process will follow for approximately two weeks. All documentation is on track to be filed by March 1, 2021.

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

See above #3

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

Romal Bullock, Tax Assessor for East Orange, reported he is waiting for the State approval letter for the revaluation contract. He is to have a meeting with the revaluation company today. Commissioner Johnson asked when inspections would begin, Romal replied soon and he will have a schedule at the next meeting.

George Librizzi, Tax Assessor for North Caldwell, reported that due to COVID-19 and the weather inspections will hopefully begin by April 1, 2021. There are no issues and the revaluation should be filed on time.

Edmund Brown, Tax Assessor for Nutley, reported that he had a meeting with ASI, Mark Hendricks and the Finance Commissioner and Chapter 91's are being mailed and an analysis of commercial properties will commence. Inspections are still on hold due to

COVID- 9. Tax Administrator Durkin stated that she will ask Nutley Commissioner Tom Evans and Rick Del Guercio from ASI to attend the March Board Meeting to discuss the Nutley schedule. There are 9,300 line items in Nutley and the discussion will be what can be done by the reval company prior to interior inspections.

Tax Assessor Christopher Murray was not present at the meeting, therefore, Commissioner Johnson read from the Orange monthly report that tax maps are being reviewed by the State and the RFP was advertised in the Star Ledger and NJLM. The deadline for the RFP is February 19, 2021.

Kevin Esposito, Tax Assessor for Roseland, was not present at the meeting. Commissioner Johnson read for his report that initial letters pertaining to the revaluation of Roseland are scheduled to be mailed in the spring of 2021 with inspections starting soon after. Tax Administrator Durkin mentioned the properties on Becker Farm Road, currently commercial office space, undergoing a redevelopment plan. Roseland has 2,000 line items.

Aaron Wilson, Tax Assessor for Newark, reported the RFP had been framed and the tax maps are being worked on. Tax Administrator Durkin urged that the RFP be advertised.

Silvia Forbes, Irvington Tax Assessor, was not present at the meeting. Commissioner Johnson read from her report that Civil Solutions was working on the tax maps.

Kevin Dillon, Tax Assessor for West Orange, was not present at the meeting. Commissioner Johnson read from his report that the tax maps are being updated.

## **6. APPROVAL OF OVERRIDES**

A motion to approve the overrides in Belleville (1), East Orange (3), Irvington (6), Livingston (1), Maplewood (1), Millburn (2), Newark (1), Orange (1) and South Orange (2) was made by Commissioner Grodman, Seconded by Commissioner Matarazzo, all in favor motion approved. Commissioner Johnson abstained from the vote for East Orange, Newark & Orange.

## **7. UPDATE OF APPEALS**

As of February 3, 2021 twenty nine (29) tax appeals have been filed.

## **8. UPDATE OF DEEDS**

As of January 13, 2021 eight thousand seven hundred eighty five (8,785) deeds have been processed which is approximately 1,000 less than this time last year.

**9. PUBLIC SPEAKERS**

George Librizzi brought up Daniel's Law that was passed by the State Legislature in November 2020 with regard to keeping Judges and Law Enforcement names out of the public domain. George stated this would present a problem since the tax records are public record. This would effect inquiries for example by mortgage companies, banks, title companies etc. along with the delivery of tax and water bills. Also effected would be applications for variances. It was noted that no regulations have been implemented and he urged those in attendance at the meeting to express concern to State Senators and Assemblymen.

**10. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 AM by Commissioner Grodman, Seconded by Commissioner Matarazzo, all in favor motion approved

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joan Codey Durkin, Tax Administrator

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