

**ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION
BOARD MEETING**

AGENDA

Thursday, October 1, 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.

1. ROLL CALL
2. Approval of September 10, 2020 Minutes
3. Approval of Judgments Rendered in September
4. Approve Tax Rates: Belleville, Fairfield, Nutley, North Caldwell
5. Update 2020 Abstract of Ratables & Added Omitted Abstract
6. Approval of Extending Statutory Deadline to Hear & Determine Tax Appeals in 2020 From 9/30/20 To 11/30/20
7. Essex Fells Reassessment
8. Update Revaluations: 2022 East Orange, North Caldwell, Nutley, Orange & Roseland, 2023 Newark, 2024 Irvington, 2025 West Orange
9. Status of Deeds
10. Status of Appeals
11. Accept AA/OA Books Filed/Roll Call
12. Public Speakers
13. New Business
14. 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, October 1, 2020 at 9:10 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 phone call; Commissioners Grodman, Johnson, Matarazzo and Tax Administrator Durkin were present at the Essex County Board of Taxation Office.

2. **APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2020 MINUTES**

Motion to approve the minutes of September 10, 2020 was made by Commissioner Grodman, Seconded by Commissioner DeFuria, all in favor motion approved. Commissioner Matarazzo abstained.

3. **APPROVAL OF JUDGMENTS RENDERED IN SEPTEMBER**

Motion to approve judgments rendered in September was made by Commissioner Grodman, Seconded by Commissioner DeFuria, all in favor motion approved.

4. **APPROVAL OF TAX RATES: BELLEVILLE, FAIRFIELD, NUTLEY, NORTH CALDWELL**

Motion to approve Tax Rates for Belleville, Fairfield, Nutley and North Caldwell was made by Commissioner Matarazzo, Seconded by Commissioner Grodman, all in favor motion approved.

Those towns still without Tax Rates are: Caldwell, Irvington, Newark and West Orange.

5. **UPDATE 2020 ABSTRACT OF RATABLES & ADDED/OMITTED ABSTRACT**

The 2020 Abstract of Ratables & Added/Omitted Abstract cannot be completed until the 4 outstanding towns; Caldwell, Irvington, Newark and West Orange approve their budgets.

6. **APPROVAL OF EXTENDING STATUTORY DEADLINE TO HEAR & DETERMINE TAX APPEALS IN 2020 FROM 9/30/20 TO 11/30/20**

A letter from John J. Ficara, Acting Director of the Division of Taxation was referred to granting the extension until November 30, 2020.

7. **ESSEX FELLS REASSESSMENT**

Assessor Kevin Esposito reported that Essex Fells will advertise his RFP for reassessment on October 14, 2020. Essex Fells has approximately 800 properties. He is anticipating the contract to be awarded in late October. Essex Fells does not have to bond the reassessment and he stated perhaps a slight extension would be needed to complete the reassessment.

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

In a written report filed by Assessor Romal Bullock it was stated that East Orange is correcting some additional changes to their tax maps to be completed by mid-October.

Tyler Technologies has requested changes to the revaluation contract, Assessor Bullock is hopeful that they will be addressed by the end of this week.

North Caldwell Assessor George Librizzi reported that PPA is prepared to go forward with field inspections in November. There are approximately 2,400 properties in North Caldwell and the revaluation should be done timely. PPA is planning public meetings and mailers will be sent to taxpayers in advance of inspections.

Nutley Assessor Edmund Brown reported due to COVID-19, inspections have stopped in Nutley. Inspections will not begin until Nutley reopens their Town.

Orange Assessor Christopher Murray reported Civil Solutions has been updating the tax maps, and the City of Orange has received confirmation from the Division of Taxation to move the revaluation up to 2022.

Roseland Assessor Kevin Esposito reported that inspections should begin in the first quarter of next year. PPA is looking at the exterior of commercial properties.

Newark Assessor Aaron Wilson reported tax maps are in progress and expects to be completed by the end of the year. Condominiums are being updated according to State regulations.

Irvington Assessor Silvia Forbes reported Civil Solutions is working on updating tax maps. Funding for the revaluation needs to be placed in budget for the revaluation process to begin.

West Orange Assessor Kevin Dillon reported they are making changes to the tax maps and he is in discussion with the administration about specs for the

reevaluation. Administrator Durkin added that there are changes to paragraph 3 of the Court Order tightening up the 2025 time limit for reevaluation. The Tax Board will receive the Court Order upon completion.

9. **STATUS OF DEEDS**

The staff has completed all the deeds in the system, they are awaiting deeds to be forwarded from the County Registers Office.

10. **STATUS OF APPEALS**

Currently there are 939 tax appeals to be scheduled for hearings out of the 3,516 filed. Hearings have been scheduled through October 23, 2020.

11. **ACCEPT AA/OA BOOKS FILED/ROLL CALL**

As of the scheduled meeting time the Added/Omitted Books have not been delivered.

12. **PUBLIC SPEAKERS**

None

Reminder that today is Ratio Day, check the State Portal for the Ratios to be listed.

13. **NEW BUSINESS**

None

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 AM was made by Commissioner DeFuria, Seconded by Commissioner Matarazzo, all in favor motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Codey Durkin, Tax Administrator

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