

**ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION  
BOARD MEETING  
AGENDA  
Tuesday, September 14, 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 IN THE ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION.**

1. ROLL CALL
2. 2021 President's Report
3. Resolution Mod-IV Vendor BRT
4. Tax Rates to be approved: Bloomfield, Cedar Grove, East Orange, Essex Fells, Glen Ridge, Maplewood, Millburn, Montclair, North Caldwell, Nutley, Orange, Roseland, South Orange, Verona, West Caldwell,
5. Update of Revaluations: 2022 East Orange, North Caldwell, Nutley & Orange, 2023 Roseland, 2024 Irvington, 2025 West Orange
6. Resolution for Revaluation Extension from Newark
7. Status of Deeds
8. Resolution – Linda Askew
9. Nutley – Ed Brown Tenure
10. Essex County Assessors Association Officers
11. Friday, October 1, 2021 Board Meeting Postponed to Thursday, October 7, 2021
12. Public Speakers
13. New Business
14. Adjournment

**COMMISSIONERS**

**PRESENT**

**ABSENT**

<b>MATARAZZO, JR., PRESIDENT</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>DEFURIA</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>GRODMAN</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>JOHNSON</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>O'BRIEN</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>ADMINISTRATOR DURKIN</b>	<b>X</b>	

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

A meeting of the Essex County Board of Taxation was held on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 9:22 AM at its office located at 495 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Newark, New Jersey

**1. ROLL CALL**

President Matarazzo, Commissioners DeFuria, Grodman, Johnson, O'Brien and Tax Administrator Durkin were present at the meeting.

\*Note: Retired Commissioner Peter Stewart was present and was seated at the dais.

Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. along with other invited guests to the first Tax Board monthly meeting at its new location addressed the meeting. Executive DiVincenzo discussed FEMA's and the County response during Hurricane Ida, keeping Essex County taxes low and the construction of the new state of the art Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Justice Complex that was completed on time and under budget. He also discussed the future site of a new family court complex that will be constructed soon. Executive DiVincenzo thanked the Tax Board Commissioners for their service along with Tax Administrator Durkin for working together as a team. He also stated that he was proud that Essex County has a AAA Bond Rating.

Commissioner Johnson thanked Executive DiVincenzo and Phil Alagia, Chief of Staff for the great job on the new building.

County Clerk Christopher Durkin spoke about the new building and complimented his mother, Tax Administrator Durkin, for the outstanding job that she performs and how heavenly it is to be her son.

**2. 2021 PRESIDENTS REPORT**

See attached

**3. RESOLUTION MOD-IV VENDOR BRT**

President Matarazzo read the Resolution MOD-IV BRT and a motion to pass the Resolution was made by Commissioner O'Brien, Seconded by Commissioner DeFuria, all in favor motion approved.

**4. TAX RATES TO BE APPROVED: BLOOMFIELD, CEDAR GROVE, EAST ORANGE, ESSEX FELLS, GLEN RIDGE, MAPLEWOOD, MILLBURN, MONTCLAIR, NORTH CALDWELL, NUTLEY, ORANGE, ROSELAND, SOUTH ORANGE, VERONA, WEST CALDWELL**

A motion to approve tax rates for the above listed towns was made by Commissioner Grodman, Seconded by Commissioner DeFuria, all in favor motion approved.

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

East Orange Assessor Bullock along with a representative of Tyler Technologies reported that data collection on residential properties was 85.9% complete, commercial properties are 35.63% complete. They expect residential inspections will be complete by the end of this month and completion on commercial properties by the second week in October. Value models have been created. Chapter 91's were mailed, value letters will be sent to taxpayers in November, and taxpayer hearings will begin in December.

North Caldwell Assessor Librizzi and the PPA representative reported that 78% of taxpayers had received a first attempt letter and a 34% entry rate. They are on schedule.

Nutley Assessor Brown along with the ASI representative reported that inspections are behind due to stringent COVID regulations imposed by the Town of Nutley with respect to data collectors being vaccinated. They have advertised and are interviewing staff to line up fully vaccinated employees. Commissioner Johnson recommended pulling staff from other ASI revaluation towns to get the job done in Nutley. ASI also stated that the staff is learning the new technology with BRT. There is concern over the completion date of revaluation for Nutley. Tax Administrator Durkin wants a report as to progress in November or December and Commissioner Johnson wants ASI to appear next month with a full report. Deborah Orsato, Principal Field Representative from the State Division of Taxation, was concerned that ASI may not be able to complete on schedule. Victor Miranda, Principal Field Representative from the State Division of Taxation, was also in attendance at the meeting.

Orange Assessor Murray and a representative from PPA reported that letters to taxpayers have been sent, inspections began in August, and they are in the early stages of inspections. Inspections are going well, there has been good response to Chapter 91 and the revaluation will be completed on time.

Roseland Assessor Esposito reported that inspections will begin next year, Chapter 91's will be sent out this year, and the revaluation should be on time.

Irvington Assistant Assessor McLamb reported that Civil Solutions is working on their tax maps. Tax Administrator Durkin asked if the old vendor turned over Irvington's tax map file to Civil Solutions. Mr. McLamb was unsure.

West Orange Assessor Dillon reported that Civil Solutions received a contract for their tax maps and his staff was updating the commercial properties square footage on the new system BRT.

## **6. RESOLUTION FOR REVALUATION EXTENSION FROM NEWARK**

Newark Assessor Wilson reported that the Newark Municipal Council passed a resolution asking that the revaluation ordered by the Essex County Tax Board be extended until 2025. He also stated 70% of Newark's tax maps have been updated and will be forwarded to the State Division when the time is appropriate. A resolution will be prepared for the Tax Board to be voted on at the next meeting extending the revaluation year for Newark to 2025.

## **7. STATUS OF DEEDS**

As of August 2021, 2,805 deeds have been processed on the new system BRT. There will be a report next month on the deeds processed up to July 21<sup>st</sup> (date of change to new system BRT from Vital).

**8. RESOLUTION – LINDA ASKEW**

President Matarazzo read a resolution congratulating Linda Askew on her retirement from the City of Orange. Present at the meeting were the three Assessors that Linda worked for in Orange. Current Assessor Murray and former Assessors Rinaldi and Wilson.

**9. NUTLEY – EDMUND BROWN TENURE**

The Tax Board and Tax Administrator Durkin congratulated Ed Brown on his tenured appointment as Nutley Tax Assessor.

**10. ESSEX COUNTY ASSESSORS ASSOCIATION OFFICERS**

Congratulations were extended to the new officers of the Essex County Assessors Association are: President Edmund Brown, Treasurer Jason Cohen and Secretary Tom DeKorte.

**11. FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2021 BOARD MEETING POSTPONED TO THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2021**

**12. PUBLIC SPEAKERS**

None

**13. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 AM was made by Commissioner Johnson, Seconded by Commissioner DeFuria, all in favor motion approved.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY - DIVISION OF TAXATION  
 PROPERTY ADMINISTRATION  
 SUMMARY OF ESSEX COUNTY PROPERTY TAX APPEALS  
 SUMMARY OF COUNTY TAX BOARD APPEALS REPORT PURSUANT TO C.499 P.L. 1979 (N.J.S.A. 54:3-5.1)

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MUNICIPALITY	CLASSIFICATION										FILING FEE							ASSESSED VALUATION AMOUNTS			ADJUSTED NET ASSESSMENTS (COL. 5+6-7)
	CLASS 1 VACANT LAND	CLASS 2 RESIDENTIAL	CLASS 3A FARM REGULAR	CLASS 3B FARM QUALIFIED	CLASS 4 COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL APARTMENT	OTHER	TOTAL NUMBER APPEALS BY CLASS	\$5.00	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	CLASS \$26	OTHER \$26	NO FEE	TOTAL	ORIGINAL AMOUNT OF ASSESSED VALUATION APPEAL	TOTAL AMOUNT OF ASSESSED VALUATION REDUCTION	TOTAL AMOUNT OF ASSESSED VALUATION INCREASE			
BELLEVILLE TOWNSHIP	1	22	0	0	35		58	1	33	20	2	0	0	2	29,345,800	586,900	0	287,758,900			
BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP	1	349	0	0	44	6	400	240	103	37	11	0	0	9	181,411,300	33,219,300	34,252,200	162,446,000			
CALDWELL BOROUGH TOWNSHIP	0	3	0	0	2		5	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	2,115,100	0	0	2,115,100			
CEDAR GROVE TOWNSHIP	0	4	0	0	1		5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4,045,100	105,000	0	3,940,100			
EAST ORANGE CITY	4	56	0	0	47	2	109	8	71	18	8	0	4	109	75,873,900	7,227,500	0	83,046,900			
ESSEX FELLS TOWNSHIP	0	5	0	0	0		5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	7,012,700	435,700	0	6,577,000			
FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP	2	11	0	0	12		25	2	7	6	10	0	0	25	77,259,000	12,823,500	0	64,435,500			
GLEN RIDGE TOWNSHIP	0	6	0	0	1		7	0	1	4	2	0	0	7	5,559,600	41,500	0	5,497,100			
IRVINGTON TOWNSHIP	27	68	0	0	44	1	140	46	76	10	0	0	8	140	39,623,100	2,889,600	0	36,633,500			
LIVINGSTON TOWNSHIP	6	140	0	0	24	0	170	3	24	88	52	0	3	170	173,316,100	15,096,300	0	168,221,800			
MAPLEWOOD TOWNSHIP	0	24	0	0	11		35	1	13	20	1	0	0	35	28,374,900	603,700	0	27,771,100			
MILLBURN TOWNSHIP	1	78	0	0	12	0	92	0	8	32	53	0	0	92	124,530,200	10,774,400	0	113,755,800			
MONTCLAIR TOWNSHIP	2	30	0	0	30	1	63	2	19	35	5	0	2	63	43,104,300	122,200	0	42,882,100			
NEWARK CITY	98	132	0	0	501	4	735	154	348	152	55	0	26	735	483,440,600	55,593,800	481,900	428,328,700			
NORTH CALDWELL TOWNSHIP	0	1	0	0	0		1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	803,200	0	0	806,200			
ORANGE CITY	0	24	0	0	10	1	35	2	15	18	0	0	0	35	18,365,783	710,500	0	17,655,283			
ROSELAND BOROUGH	3	110	0	0	34	0	147	89	30	14	2	0	12	147	35,312,300	699,200	0	34,613,100			
SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE TOWNSHIP	2	1	0	0	0		3	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	656,600	0	0	656,600			
SOUTH ORANGE TOWNSHIP	94	32	0	0	9	0	135	92	15	25	2	0	1	135	29,847,400	386,200	0	29,559,200			
VERONA TOWNSHIP	0	3	0	0	8	0	11	0	3	8	0	0	0	11	6,895,400	0	0	6,895,400			
WEST CALDWELL TOWNSHIP	0	4	0	0	1		5	0	2	3	0	0	0	5	2,959,700	0	0	2,959,700			
WEST ORANGE TOWNSHIP	0	331	0	0	11	1	343	3	64	247	26	0	3	343	234,630,500	20,259,400	1,152,500	215,723,600			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>1,435</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>837</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2,629</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>2,629</b>	<b>\$1,604,765,363</b>	<b>\$161,577,300</b>	<b>\$25,686,600</b>	<b>\$1,478,872,663</b>			

Pursuant to the N.J.S.A. 54:3-5.1, the President of the County Board of Taxation shall annually file this report with the Director, Division of Taxation. Such report shall be in such form as the Director shall prescribe.

*James K. [Signature]*

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9/14/21

Date

County Board of Taxation

