

**ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION
BOARD MEETING**

AGENDA

**Monday, September 12, 2022
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. *Approve June 27, 2022 Conference Call Minutes*
3. *2022 President's Report*
4. *Mod-IV Vendor BRT Renewed*
5. *Online Filing Fee Ordinance Memo*
6. *Tax Rates to be approved: Belleville, Bloomfield, Cedar Grove, East Orange, Essex Fells, Glen Ridge, Livingston, Maplewood, Millburn, Montclair, North Caldwell, Nutley, Orange, Roseland, South Orange, Verona, West Caldwell, West Orange*
7. *Update of Revaluations: 2023 Nutley, 2024 Irvington, 2025 Newark & West Orange*
8. *Resolution for Revaluation Extension from Roseland*
9. *Status of Deeds*
10. *Essex County Assessors Association Officers*
11. *Next Board Meeting Monday, October 3, 2022*
12. *Public Speakers*
13. *New Business*
14. *Adjournment*

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT

ABSENT

MATARAZZO, JR., PRESIDENT

X

DEFURIA

X

GRODMAN

X

JOHNSON

X

O'BRIEN

X

ADMINISTRATOR DURKIN

X

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

A meeting of the Essex County Board of Taxation was held on Monday, September 12, 2022, at 9:14 AM at its office located at 495 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd., Newark, New Jersey.

1. ROLL CALL

Present at the meeting were President Matarazzo, Commissioners Grodman, Johnson, O'Brien, and Tax Administrator Durkin via telephone. Commissioner DeFuria was absent.

2. APPROVE JUNE 27, 2022 MINUTES

A motion to approve the June 27, 2022 Minutes was made by Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Grodman, all in favor motion approved.

3. 2022 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A copy of the President's report was given to the Commissioners (copy attached) and a motion to adopt the report was made by Commissioner O'Brien and seconded by Commissioner Grodman, all in favor motion approved.

4. MOD-IV VENDOR BRT RENEWED

It was reported that BRT the MOD-IV vendor has been renewed.

5. ONLINE FILING FEE ORDINANCE MEMO

The online filing fee of \$5.00 Ordinance was submitted to Robert Jackson, Essex County Administrator.

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

A motion to approve the Tax Rates for the above stated towns was made by Commissioner Grodman, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, all in favor motion approved.

Caldwell Assessor George Librizzi reported that Caldwell will be adopting their Municipal Budget on September 20, 2022. Irvington Assessor Silvia Forbes reported that Irvington will be adopting their Municipal Budget on September 12, 2022. Newark

Assessor Aaron Wilson reported that the Newark Municipal Budget has not yet been finalized. Fairfield Assessor Christopher Murray was not present at the meeting.

Administrator Durkin stated that copies of the Budgets for the municipalities of Caldwell, Irvington, Newark, and Fairfield must be hand delivered to the Essex County Tax Board upon their approval.

7. UPDATE OF REVALUATIONS: 2023 NUTLEY, 2024 IRVINGTON, 2025 NEWARK & WEST ORANGE

2023 Nutley Assessor Edmund Brown was not present at the meeting, his report was read into the record by President Matarazzo that stated analysis and valuations are ongoing and interior inspections are being conducted.

2024 Irvington Assessor Forbes reported that Irvington is still waiting for the Tax Map contract with Civil Solutions to be signed. Administrator Durkin said the timeline dates need to be revised for Irvington. She asked Commissioner Johnson to meet with the officials of Irvington & Newark to discuss their revaluation progress.

2025 Newark Assessor Wilson reported that Tax Map Mylars have been ordered and the Maps are good to go to Trenton. The RFP is in the Purchasing Department waiting for advertisement.

Administrator Durkin asked for an update on the revaluation for Maplewood and South Orange and Maplewood Assessor Thomas DeKorte gave a report. Maplewood's Tax Maps have been submitted to Trenton and corrections have been submitted. The RFP bids have been returned (one for Maplewood and two for South Orange). Maplewood and South Orange will meet on September 13, 2022 to discuss the bids.

2025 West Orange Assessor Kevin Dillon was not present at the meeting, his report was read by President Matarazzo that stated West Orange is working on their Tax Maps and they are continuing to follow the consent agreement timeline.

8. RESOLUTION FOR REVALUATION EXTENSION FROM ROSELAND

James Esposito, Esq. attorney for Roseland was present to answer any questions. There being none the Essex County Tax Board will vote on a resolution to extend the revaluation of Roseland from 2023 to 2024 at its October meeting.

9. STATUS OF DEEDS

As of August 31, 2022, 2,679 have been processed approximately 126 less than the same time period last year.

10. ESSEX COUNTY ASSESSORS ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

President Edmund Brown (Nutley), Secretary Thomas DeKorte (Maplewood) and Treasurer Jason Cohen (Millburn).

11. NEXT BOARD MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2022

President Matarazzo announced the date of the next Essex County Tax Board Meeting as October 3, 2022.

12. PUBLIC SPEAKERS

None

13. NEW BUSINESS

None

14. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to Adjourn the meeting at 9:34 was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, all in favor motion approved.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Codey Durkin, Tax Administrator**

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