

ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION
BOARD MEETING
AGENDA
Thursday, December 15, 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. Approval of November 3, 2022 Minutes
3. East Orange Tax Assessor
4. Maplewood Revaluation Contract Review
5. Update of Revaluations: 2023 Nutley, 2024 Irvington, Maplewood, Roseland, South Orange, 2025 Newark & West Orange
6. Update of Deeds
7. Next Board Meeting Date Tuesday, January 10, 2023
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 15, 2022
13. Adjournment

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT

ABSENT

<i>Matarazzo, President</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>DeFuria</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Grodman</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Johnson</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>O'Brien</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Admin. Durkin</i>	<i>X</i>	

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

A meeting of the Essex County Board of Taxation was held on Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 9:15 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 Administrator Durkin were present at the meeting.

2. **APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 3, 2022, MINUTES**

A motion to approve the November 3, 2022, Minutes was made by Commissioner Johnson, Seconded By Commissioner Grodman, (Commissioner DeFuria abstained) all in favor motion approved.

3. **EAST ORANGE TAX ASSESSOR**

East Orange Tax Assessor Tina Sakajani introduced herself and stated she became the Tax Assessor of East Orange as of November 21, 2022.

4. **MAPLEWOOD REVALUATION CONTRACT REVIEW**

The Tax Board reviewed the Revaluation Contract for Maplewood and had no comments.

5. **UPDATE OF REVALUATIONS: 2023 NUTLEY, 2024 IRVINGTON, MAPLEWOOD, ROSELAND, SOUTH ORANGE, 2025 NEWARK, WEST ORANGE**

Nutley Tax Assessor Edmund Brown reported that residential value letters have been mailed. Commercial properties are under review by Mark Hendricks and value letters will be mailed upon completion of the review. Hearings are scheduled at Town Hall as well as by telephone for December 27, 2022. Administrator Durkin questioned if the 2023 Tax List would be filed on January 10, 2023, Tax Assessor Brown said he thought probably at the end of January. Assessor Brown will report back on January 10, 2023, with an update.

Irvington Tax Assessor Silvia Forbes reported that the CFO of Irvington had selected Civil Solutions to update Irvington's Tax Maps, a Resolution is before the Municipal Council on December 27, 2022. Tax Assessor Forbes will contact the CFO regarding the RFP for Irvington.

Maplewood Tax Assessor Thomas DeKorte reported that the Revaluation Contract was sent to the State Division of Taxation as well as Tax Map corrections. A public meeting for Maplewood and South Orange Senior Citizens will be scheduled by PPA to discuss the Revaluation. Future dates for taxpayers will be scheduled.

Roseland Tax Assessor Kevin Esposito was not present at the meeting. Tax Administrator Durkin read from his report that PPA continues to review and compile data for the sales model. Tax Assessor Esposito is reviewing Chapter 91 responses and inspections have not begun. He estimates that inspections will begin in March 2023.

South Orange Tax Assessor Ellen Malgieri was not present at the meeting. Tax Administrator Durkin read from her report that stated the Revaluation Contract has been sent to the State Division of Taxation for approval and she has submitted Tax Maps to the Division as well.

Newark Tax Assessor Aaron Wilson reported that the Tax Maps have been submitted to the Division of Taxation for phase 1 review. He is waiting for the Law Department to sign the Certification of Funds for the Revaluation. Bids for the Revaluation were opened in September and he is waiting for the Law Department to sign off. Tax Administrator Durkin stated they must finalize and sign the documents in order for Newark to revalue for Tax Year 2025.

West Orange Tax Assessor Kevin Dillon was not present at the meeting. Tax Administrator Durkin read from his report that stated the Revaluation specs have been completed and are preparing to go out for bid in February.

6. UPDATE OF DEEDS

As of December 12, 2022, six thousand four hundred sixty seven (6,467) deeds have been processed, that is One thousand five hundred (1,500) less than the same period last year.

7. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023

It was noted that the meeting will be on a Tuesday rather than the usual first Thursday of the month.

8. PUBLIC SPEAKERS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

Tax Administrator Durkin announced that Tax Assessor Kevin Dillon will be retiring early next year.

10. MOTION TO GO TO ADDED/OMITTED HEARINGS

A motion to go to Added/Omitted Hearings was made by Commissioner Johnson, Seconded by Commissioner Grodman, all in favor motion approved.

11. MOTION TO GO BACK ON RECORD

A motion to go back on the record was made by Commissioner DeFuria, Seconded by Commissioner Grodman, all in favor motion approved.

12. MOTION TO APPROVE JUDGMENTS HEARD TODAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022

A motion to approve the Judgments heard today, December 15, 2022, was made by Commissioner O'Brien, Seconded by Commissioner Grodman, all in favor motion approved.

13. 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.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Codey Durkin, Tax Administrator