

**ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION  
BOARD MEETING**

**AGENDA**

**Thursday, February 2, 2023**

**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 2023 Minutes
3. Update of Tax List Filing for Extension Towns: East Orange, Irvington, Nutley
4. Update of Revaluations: 2023 Nutley, 2024 Irvington, Maplewood, Roseland, South Orange, 2025 Newark & West Orange
5. Approval of Overrides
6. Update of Appeals
7. Update of Deeds
8. West Orange Tax Assessor Vacancy
9. Daniel's Law
10. Public Speakers
11. New Business
12. Adjournment

**COMMISSIONERS**

**PRESENT**

**ABSENT**

**MATARAZZO, PRESIDENT**

**X**

**DEFURIA**

**X**

**GRODMAN**

**X**

**JOHNSON**

**X**

**O'BRIEN**

**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 2, 2023, at 9:16 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. Commissioner DeFuria was absent.

**2. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2023 MINUTES**

Approval of the January 2023 Minutes was tabled until the March 2023 meeting.

**3. UPDATE OF TAX LIST FILING FOR EXTENSION TOWNS: EAST ORANGE, IRVINGTON, NUTLEY**

East Orange, Irvington and Nutley filed their respective Tax Lists on February 1, 2023.

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

Nutley Tax Assessor Edmund Brown was present at the meeting and announced that the 2023 Nutley revaluation is now complete.

Irvington Tax Assessor Silvia Forbes reported that she received a letter from the Division of Taxation stating that they have begun reviewing Irvington's Tax Maps.

Maplewood Tax Assessor Thomas DeKorte was not present at the meeting, his report stated that two public meetings were held on January 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> for taxpayers in Maplewood and South Orange. Introduction/informational letters have been mailed to taxpayers. He is still awaiting Tax Map approval from Trenton and the process of collecting data was started on January 16<sup>th</sup>.

South Orange Tax Assessor Ellen Malgieri was not present at the meeting, her report stated that a public presentation was held in January and interior inspections were to begin the week of January 30<sup>th</sup>.

Roseland Tax Assessor Kevin Esposito was not present at the meeting, his report stated that PPA is gathering and reviewing sales and notices have not yet been mailed to taxpayers as PPA is awaiting approval from the Roseland Administration.

Newark Tax Assessor Aaron Wilson reported that the Tax Maps continue to be in Trenton for review. He has written a draft contract for the Revaluation that will be finalized by the Law Department in February. He made the Tax Board aware that he will be resigning from his position as Tax Assessor for the City of Newark on March 31, 2023.

West Orange Tax Assessor Kevin Dillon who retired from the Township of West Orange on January 31, 2023 submitted his last report stating that the specifications for Bid on the Revaluation Contract are ready to be publicized and the Tax Maps are continuing to be updated.

**5. APPROVAL OF OVERRIDES**

A motion to approve the Overrides was made by Commissioner O'Brien, Seconded by Commissioner Grodman, all in favor motion approved.

**6. UPDATE OF APPEALS**

As of February 1, 2023, 24 Tax Appeals have been filed. One in Caldwell, one in Irvington and 22 in Newark.

**7. UPDATE OF DEEDS**

As of January 31, 2023, Seven thousand eight hundred ninety four deeds have been processed, that is approximately sixteen hundred less than this time last year.

**8. WEST ORANGE TAX ASSESSOR VACANCY**

Tax Administrator Durkin stated that West Orange has interviewed several candidates for the position of Tax Assessor, and they are close to a determination.

**9. DANIEL'S LAW**

A seminar will be conducted by OIP on the procedures for Daniel's Law on February 3, 2023. All Assessors have been instructed to view the seminar and all Assessors will be required to be redactors. If any taxpayer currently has their information redacted on the MOD IV system, they must be contacted by the Assessor and told to reapply to the OIP Division in Trenton for approval. Those attending the seminar must notify the Tax Board.

**10. PUBLIC SPEAKERS**

None

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

Tax Administrator Durkin informed the Assessors of Newark and Irvington (Roseland will be notified not present at the meeting) that a letter will be going to the Attorney General's Office stating that there is too much lag time in the implementation of their respective Revaluations and perhaps Court action will be necessary to enforce the revaluations in the above stated Municipalities.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 AM was made by Commissioner O'Brien, Seconded by Commissioner Johnson, all in favor motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joan Codey Durkin, Tax Administrator

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