

**ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION
BOARD MEETING
AGENDA**

**Tuesday, January 10, 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 IN THE ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION.

1. ROLL CALL
2. Approval of December 15, 2022 Minutes
3. File 2023 Tax List
4. Request for Extension of 2023 Tax List Filing
5. Update of Revaluations: 2023 Nutley, 2024 Irvington, Maplewood, Roseland, South Orange, 2025 Newark & West Orange
6. Update of Deeds
7. Daniel’s Law
8. Public Speakers
9. New Business
10. Adjournment

| <u>COMMISSIONERS</u> | <u>PRESENT</u> | <u>ABSENT</u> |
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| <i>Matarazzo, President</i> | X | |
| <i>DeFuria</i> | X | |
| <i>Grodman</i> | | X |
| <i>Johnson</i> | X | |
| <i>O’Brien</i> | | X |
| <i>Administrator Durkin</i> | X | |

AGENDA MAY BE AMENDED PRIOR TO BOARD MEETING

A meeting of the Essex County Board of Taxation was held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 9:20 AM at its office located at 495 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd., Newark, New Jersey.

1. ROLL CALL

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

2. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 15, 2022 MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of December 15, 2022 was made by Commissioner Johnson, Seconded by Commissioner DeFuria, all in favor motion carried.

3. FILE 2023 TAX LIST

Municipalities filing the 2023 Tax List are: Belleville, Bloomfield, Caldwell, Cedar Grove, Essex Fells, Fairfield, Glen Ridge, Livingston, Maplewood, Millburn, Montclair, Newark, North Caldwell, Orange, Roseland, South Orange, Verona, West Caldwell, and West Orange.

4. REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF 2023 TAX LIST FILING

Municipalities requesting an extension on filing the 2023 Tax List are:

East Orange Tax Assessor Tina Sakajani requested an extension until February 2, 2023, reason for extension is to correct 200 Property Record Cards in error. Motion to approve the extension was made by Commissioner Johnson, Seconded by Commissioner DeFuria, all in favor motion carried.

Irvington Tax Assessor Silvia Forbes requested an extension until January 20, 2023, reason for extension is to correct Block & Lot Numbers to conform with State Mapping Regulations. Motion to approve the extension was made by Commissioner Johnson, Seconded by Commissioner DeFuria, all in favor motion carried.

Nutley Tax Assessor Edmund Brown requested an extension until February 2, 2023, reason to complete the Revaluation of Nutley. Motion to approve the extension was made by Commissioner DeFuria, Seconded by Commissioner Johnson, all in favor motion carried.

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

Nutley Tax Assessor Edmund Brown reported that a review of Residential and commercial properties has been completed and that value letters on commercial properties will be going out. Hearings of taxpayers is ongoing, and the Tax List will be filed on February 2, 2023.

Irvington Tax Assessor Silvia Forbes reported that the Tax Maps are being updated by Civil Solutions. Commissioner Johnson questioned her on the timeline for the Revaluation. Tax Administrator Durkin stressed the importance of filing monthly revaluation reports and said that the State Division of Taxation is questioning extensions on revaluations and pages of justification will be needed in the future for those requests.

Maplewood Tax Assessor Thomas De Korte stated that the Tax Map revisions and contract for revaluation have been submitted to Trenton. Tax Administrator Durkin reported that a letter to Maplewood from the State Division of Taxation instructing that no work is to be performed on the revaluation prior to Tax Map approval.

Roseland Tax Assessor Kevin Esposito reported that letters announcing the Revaluation will be sent to taxpayers shortly. Roseland has approximately 2,200 properties.

South Orange Tax Assessor Ellen Malgieri was not present at the meeting her report was read by Tax Administrator Durkin and it was noted that the South Orange Tax Maps were approved by the Division of Taxation on January 9, 2023.

Newark Tax Assessor Aaron Wilson reported that the committee has finished the review of the Revaluation Contract and it should be awarded this week to ASI.

West Orange Tax Assessor Kevin Dillon reported that the Revaluation is moving along according to the timeline, the committee has met, and bids will be advertised shortly. The Tax Maps are being updated.

Tax Administration Durkin mentioned that Kevin Dillon will be retiring as Tax Assessor for West Orange on January 31, 2023. Good Luck in retirement Kevin.

6. UPDATE OF DEEDS

As of January 4, 2023, seven thousand one hundred fifty deeds have been processed that is One thousand eight hundred less than this period last year.

7. DANIEL'S LAW

Tax Administrator Durkin instructed the Tax Assessor's to go online for instructions on filing for Daniel's Law. Forms will be done through the portal and anyone who currently has a redacted record must reapply. The Assessor is to notify the applicant. This month is the last time the County Boards are filing reports on the applicants to Trenton.

8. PUBLIC SPEAKERS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

Belleville, Irvington, and Newark have not received judgments as a result of the case filed against the Director's Ratio. Tax Administrator Durkin will contact Trenton as to when a judgment will be issued.

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 AM was made by Commissioner Johnson, Seconded by Commissioner DeFuria, all in favor motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Codey Durkin, Tax Administrator

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