

ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION
BOARD MEETING
AGENDA
Thursday, June 1, 2023

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 May 2023 Board Minutes*
3. *Motion to approve Judgments Rendered in May including and up to June 1st (Including TCP, Stips & withdrawals)*
4. *Update of Revaluations: 2024 Irvington, Maplewood, Roseland & South Orange, 2025 Newark & West Orange*
5. *Update Municipal Budgets/School Budgets*
6. *Status of Deeds*
7. *Status of Appeals*
8. *June 29, 2023 Conference Call to Approve June Judgments*
9. *Daniel's Law (OIP)*
10. *New Business*
11. *Public Speakers*
12. *Adjournment*

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT

ABSENT

MATARAZZO, PRESIDENT

X

DEFURIA

X

GRODMAN

X

JOHNSON

X

O'BRIEN

X

ADMIN. DURKIN

X (via phone)

*****Agenda can be amended at any time prior to meeting****

A meeting of the Essex County Board of Taxation was held on Thursday, June 1, 2023 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 and O'Brien were present at the meeting. Tax Administrator Durkin was present via phone.

2. APPROVAL OF MAY 2023 BOARD MINUTES

A motion to approve the May 1, 2023, minutes was made by Commissioner Grodman, Seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, all in favor motion approved.

3. MOTION TO APPROVE JUDGMENTS RENDERED IN MAY INCLUDING AND UP TO JUNE 1ST (INCLUDING TCP, STIPS & WITHDRAWALS)

A motion to approve Judgments rendered in May including and up to June 1st (including TCP, Stips & Withdrawals) was made by Commissioner O'Brien, Seconded by Commissioner Grodman, all in favor motion approved.

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

Irvington Tax Assessor Silvia Forbes reported that the Revaluation Contract was submitted to Trenton. A meeting with the Revaluation Company has been rescheduled to next week to discuss the strategy and scheduling.

Maplewood Tax Assessor Thomas DeKorte reported that more than 50% of the residential and commercial properties have been inspected. A meeting between Ellen Malgieri Tax Assessor of South Orange, Maplewood and the Revaluation Company has been scheduled to discuss valuations. The revaluation is ahead of schedule.

Roseland Tax Assessor Kevin Esposito was not present at the meeting his report stated that he has not received approval from the Administration to send notices to residents or schedule inspections. President Matarazzo requested a motion to send a letter to the Attorney General of New Jersey and the Director of the Division of Taxation explaining the hold up from the Town Officials with regard to implementing the Revaluation. He stated that it is not fair to the Tax Assessor or the taxpayers. The Town Officials also did not show up at the Essex County Tax Board meeting which they were invited to. A motion to send the letter to the Attorney General and the Division of Taxation was made by Commissioner O'Brien, Seconded by Commissioner DeFuria, all in favor motion approved.

South Orange Tax Assessor Ellen Malgieri submitted a report from the Revaluation Company stating that the revaluation is ahead of schedule.

Newark Tax Assessor Frank Dallessio reported that Newark would like an extension on the Revaluation from 2025 to 2027. He will meet with the Business Administrator to prepare a Resolution for the Municipal Council requesting the extension along with the reason for the extension to the year 2027. After the Municipal Council approves the resolution, it will be submitted to the Essex County Tax Board for approval and a Resolution will be prepared to forward to Trenton for their approval.

West Orange Tax Assessor Jacob Nieman was not present at the meeting. His report states that he has spoken with the Revaluation Company PPA to establish an outline of the expected timeline as well as started reviewing materials to be sent out to property owners. Tax Maps have been submitted to the State and the money for the revaluation bond has been approved.

5. UPDATE MUNICIPAL BUDGETS SCHOOL BUDGETS

Three Municipal Budgets have been received to date: Cedar Grove, Roseland, and South Orange. School Budgets received to date: Newark, Orange, Essex Fells, West Caldwell, and Fairfield.

6. STATUS OF DEEDS

As of May 24th, Eleven-thousand two hundred and nine deeds have been processed, that is approximately Four thousand less deeds than at this time last year.

7. STATUS OF APPEALS

Hearings will be finalized on June 12th, that is also the clean-up date for adjourned appeals.

8. JUNE 29, 2023, CONFERENCE CALL TO APPROVE JUNE JUDGMENTS

The call has been scheduled for 10:00 AM on June 29, 2023.

9. DANIEL'S LAW (OIP)

There is a new email from the State on Daniel's Law, all assessors are urged to review the email.

10. NEW BUSINESS

None

11. PUBLIC SPEAKERS

None

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Codey Durkin
Tax Administrator

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