

**ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION
BOARD MEETING
AGENDA
Thursday, September 7, 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. *Introduce New Commissioner Kathryn Weller-Demming*
2. *ROLL CALL*
3. *Approve June 1, 2023, Meeting Minutes & June 29, 2023, Conference Call Minutes*
4. *2023 President's Report*
5. *Mod-IV Vendor BRT Renewed*
6. *Tax Rates to be approved: Bloomfield, Cedar Grove, East Orange, Essex Fells, Glen Ridge, Livingston, Millburn, Montclair, North Caldwell, Nutley, Roseland, South Orange, Verona, West Caldwell,*
7. *Update of Revaluations: 2024 Irvington, Maplewood, Roseland & South Orange, 2025 West Orange*
8. *Newark Resolution Requesting Revaluation Extension*
9. *Letter to 5 Towns Anticipating Revaluation Orders*
10. *Status of Deeds*
11. *Essex County Assessors Holiday Luncheon*
12. *Next Board Meeting Monday, October 2, 2023*
13. *Public Speakers*
14. *New Business*
15. *Adjournment*

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT

ABSENT

MATARAZZO, JR., PRESIDENT	X	
DEFURIA	X	
GRODMAN	X	
JOHNSON	X	
O'BRIEN	X	
WELLER-DEMMING	X	
ADMINISTRATOR DURKIN	X	

AGENDA MAY BE AMENDED PRIOR TO BOARD MEETING

A meeting of the Essex County Board of Taxation was held on Thursday, September 7, 2023, at 9:15 AM at its office located at 495 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd., Newark, New Jersey.

1. INTRODUCE NEW COMMISSIONER KATHRYN WELLER-DEMMING

President Matarazzo introduced the new Essex County Tax Board Commissioner Kathryn Weller-Demming who gave her credentials and is happy to be on board.

2. ROLL CALL

President Matarazzo, Commissioners DeFuria, Grodman, Johnson, O'Brien, Weller-Demming and Tax Administrator Durkin were present at the meeting.

3. APPROVE JUNE 1, 2023, MEETING MINUTES & JUNE 29, 2023, CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES

A motion to approve the June 1, 2023, Minutes was made by Commissioner Grodman, Seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, (Commissioner Weller-Demming abstained) all in favor motion approved. A motion to approve the June 29, 2023, Conference Call Minutes was made by Commissioner O'Brien, Seconded by Commissioner Johnson, (Commissioners Grodman and Weller-Demming abstained) all in favor motion approved.

4. 2023 PRESIDENTS REPORT

A motion to approve the Presidents report to be submitted to Trenton with a breakdown of the 2023 Tax Appeals was made by Commissioner O'Brien, Seconded by Commissioner Grodman, all in favor motion approved.

5. MOD-IV VENDOR BRT RENEWED

One bid was received from BRT who was awarded the contract.

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

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

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

Silvia Forbes, Irvington Tax Assessor, reported that ASI has assigned four residential inspectors to start inspections of property in the West Ward of town. By the end of the month, two commercial inspectors will begin their inspections. 250 inspections of residential properties out of the 10,000-line items have been inspected. Silvia was instructed to inform ASI that they must start filing monthly reports with the Essex County Tax Board.

Thomas DeKorte, Maplewood Tax Assessor, reported that letters to those taxpayers who have failed to comply with inspections have been mailed. He expects to have values on those who have been inspected in two weeks.

Roseland Tax Assessor Kevin Esposito was not present at the meeting. The report from PPA was read stating that work has continued for both residential and commercial properties. All inspections are projected to be completed by the end of the month of August and the valuation process will begin this month.

South Orange Tax Assessor Ellen Malgieri was not present at the meeting. The report from PPA was read stating that all residential and commercial properties have been inspected and they have started the preliminary value process and data review.

Jacob Nieman, West Orange Tax Assessor, reported that Chapter 91 letters and letters to taxpayers have been mailed. Inspections are to begin in September and a public presentation at the Council meeting was scheduled for September 5, 2023. The contract language was amended and has been signed.

8. NEWARK RESOLUTION REQUESTING REVALUATION EXTENSION

Frank Dallessio, Tax Assessor of Newark reported that the tax maps are continuing to be updated. The Newark Municipal Council passed a resolution asking the Essex County Tax Board to extend the Revaluation date from 2025 to 2027, however, the language in the resolution was not accepted by the Tax Board and a revision of the language is pending before the City of Newark. When the resolution is revised the Tax Board will forward a Resolution to the State requesting the extension. If approved the city will have to prepare a new RFP to be advertised for bid. A discussion on Newark's ratio and its share of county taxes followed.

9. LETTER TO 5 TOWNS ANTICIPATING REVALUATION ORDERS

The five towns are Caldwell, Cedar Grove, Glen Ridge, Montclair, and West Caldwell. This matter will be discussed at the October 2, 2023, meeting. Ratios are due out from the Division of Taxation on that date.

10. STATUS OF DEEDS

As of August 3, 2023, one thousand nine hundred sixty-eight deeds have been processed.

11. ESSEX COUNTY ASSESSORS HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

The luncheon will be held on December 15, 2023, at Nanina's in the Park, in Belleville. The County Tax Board's annual holiday luncheon will be held on December 8, 2023, at the Park Savoy in Florham Park.

12. NEXT BOARD MEETING MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023

A reminder that the October 2, 2023, meeting is on a Monday at which time the 2023 Added/Omitted Assessment Lists will be filed.

13. PUBLIC SPEAKERS

Commissioner O'Brien welcomed the new Commissioner and thanked the Assessor's and the Tax Board staff for their continued hard work.

14. NEW BUSINESS

None

15. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 AM was made by Commissioner Johnson, Seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, all in favor motion approved.

*Respectfully submitted,
Joan Codey Durkin, CTA
Tax Administrator*

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