

**ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**AGENDA**  
**Wednesday, June 5, 2024**

**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 March 7, 2024 & May 1, 2024 Board Minutes*
3. *Motion to approve Judgments Rendered in May including and up to June 5<sup>th</sup> (Including TCP, Stips & withdrawals)*
4. *Update of Revaluations: 2025 Irvington & West Orange, 2026 Cedar Grove, Fairfield & Verona, 2027 Caldwell, Newark & West Caldwell*
5. *State Approved 2028 Revaluations: Belleville, Bloomfield, Glen Ridge & Montclair*
6. *Update Municipal Budgets/School Budgets*
7. *Status of Deeds*
8. *Status of Appeals*
9. *June 27<sup>th</sup> Conference Call to Approve June Judgments*
10. *Cloud Based Data Processing Bid*
11. *NJACTB Meeting – June 18, 2024, at The Park Savoy*
12. *New Business*
13. *Public Speakers*
14. *Adjournment*

**COMMISSIONERS**

**PRESENT**

**ABSENT**

<b>JOHNSON, PRESIDENT</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>DEFURIA</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>GRODMAN</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>MATARAZZO</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>O'BRIEN</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>WELLER-DEMMING</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>ADMIN. DURKIN</b>	<b>X</b>	

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

A meeting of the Essex County Board of Taxation was held on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 9:18 A.M. at its office located at 495 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd. Newark, New Jersey.

**1. ROLL CALL**

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

**2. APPROVAL OF MARCH 7, 2024 & MAY 1, 2024, BOARD MINUTES**

A motion to approve the Board Minutes of March 7, 2024, was made by Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Matarazzo, all in favor motion approved. A motion to approve the Board Minutes of May 1, 2024, 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 5<sup>TH</sup> (INCLUDING TCP, STIPS & WITHDRAWALS)**

A motion to approve judgments rendered in May including and up to June 5<sup>th</sup> (including TCP, Stips & Withdrawals was made by Commissioner O'Brien, seconded by Commissioner Matarazzo, all in favor motion approved.

**4. UPDATE OF REVALUATIONS: 2025 IRVINGTON & WEST ORANGE, 2026 CEDAR GROVE, FAIRFIELD & VERONA, 2027 CALDWELL, NEWARK & WEST CALDWELL**

Irvington Tax Assessor Silvia Forbes reported the residential inspections are complete and commercial inspections are almost complete. Chapter 91 requests have been mailed and the revaluation will be on time for 2025.

West Orange Tax Assessor Jacob Nieman was not present at the meeting and his report was read into the record stating that approximately 12, 148 residential properties and 520 commercial properties are complete. Photos of the fronts and backs of the properties along with accessory buildings are being taken. Daytime, evening, and Saturday appointments are available for residents who request appointments.

Cedar Grove Tax Assessor Richard Hamilton reported that MOD IV changes along with tax maps are being worked on. The Township will introduce and adopt a bond ordinance appropriating funds for the revaluation and upon the introduction of the Towns 2025 Budget will simultaneously solicit proposals from revaluation companies.

Orange Tax Assessor Christopher Murray was not present at the meeting and his report was read into the record stating that the Township is working on updating the tax maps, making various changes affecting the MOD IV system.

Verona Tax Assessor George Librizzi was not present at the meeting and his report was read into the record stating that the Township adopted the bond ordinance on May 20, 2024, the RFP will be advertised on June 7, 2024, and at the June 17, 2024, he is anticipating the tax map proposal will be approved.

Caldwell Tax Assessor George Librizzi was not present at the meeting and his report was read into the record stating that the revaluation RFP has been drafted. A proposal was obtained to update the tax maps and a resolution to award Civil Solutions is scheduled before the Council on June 11, 2024. A proposal was obtained to perform the Class 4 commercial property review.

Tax Assessor Frank Dallessio reported that the contract for ASI is scheduled for the Municipal Council meeting scheduled for today. The tax maps are continuing to be updated and should be completed shortly.

West Caldwell Tax Assessor Richard Hamilton reported that changes to the MOD IV system are being worked on and the Township has requested a formal proposal to update the tax maps from its engineer.

**5. STATE APPROVED 2028 REVALUATIONS: BELLEVILLE, BLOOMFIELD, GLEN RIDGE & MONTCLAIR**

Orders for the 2028 Revaluations for Belleville, Bloomfield, Glen Ridge, and Montclair were forwarded to the State for approval and sent certified mail to the respective Municipal Clerks.

**6. UPDATE OF MUNICIPAL BUDGETS/SCHOOL BUDGETS**

As of today's date, 4 Municipal Budgets have been received. Only 4 School Budgets and 3 Regional School Budgets have not been received.

**7. STATUS OF DEEDS**

As of 5/30/24, 9,739 deeds have been processed which is approximately 1,400 less than at this time last year.

**8. STATUS OF APPEALS**

All appeals have been scheduled up to June 17, 2024, with a clean-up date scheduled for June 26, 2024.

**9. JUNE 27<sup>TH</sup> CONFERENCE CALL TO APPROVE JUNE JUDGMENTS**

The conference call is tentatively scheduled for 10:00 A.M.

**10. CLOUD BASED DATA PROCESSING BID**

The RFP is due back on June 6, 2024, for a 2-year contract with two one-year contract options.

**11. NJACTB MEETING – JUNE 18, 2024, AT PARK SAVOY**

The meeting starts at 11:00 A.M. followed by lunch.

**12. NEW BUSINESS**

Tax Administrator Durkin congratulated Thomas DeKorte (Maplewood) and Jason Cohen (Millburn) on obtaining tenure in their positions as Tax Assessor.

**13. PUBLIC SPEAKERS**

Commissioner O'Brien thanked the Municipal Assessors and the staff of the Essex County Tax Board for their hard work.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:39 A.M. was made by Commissioner Grodman, Seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, all in favor motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joan Cody Durkin, CTA  
Tax Administrator

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