

ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION
BOARD MEETING
AGENDA
Tuesday, December 17, 2024
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 November 7, 2024 Minutes
3. State Approved Glen Ridge Resolution to Change Revaluation Year from 2028 to 2026
4. Update of Revaluations: 2025 Irvington & West Orange, 2026 Cedar Grove, Fairfield, Glen Ridge & Verona, 2027 Caldwell, Newark & West Caldwell, 2028 Belleville, Bloomfield & Montclair
5. Revaluation Orders: 2027 Millburn, 2029 Essex Fells & North Caldwell
6. Update of Deeds
7. Next Board Meeting Date Friday, January 10, 2025
8. Public Speakers
9. New Business
10. Motion to go to Added/Omitted Hearings
11. Motion to go back on Record
12. Motion to approve Judgments heard today, December 17, 2024
13. Adjournment

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT

ABSENT

<i>Johnson, President</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>DeFuria</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Grodman</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Matarazzo</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>O'Brien</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Weller-Demming</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>Admin. Durkin</i>	<i>X</i>	

**** AGENDA MAY BE AMENDED PRIOR TO BOARD MEETING****

A meeting of the Essex County Board of Taxation was held on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 9:10 AM at its office located at 495 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd., Newark, New Jersey.

1. ROLL CALL

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

2. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 7, 2024, MINUTES

Tabled until January 10, 2025, meeting.

3. STATE APPROVED GLEN RIDGE RESOLUTION TO CHANGE REVAL YEAR FROM 2028 TO 2026

The change in the Revaluation date from 2028 to 2026 was approved by the State on December 3, 2024.

4. UPDATE OF REVALUATIONS: 2025 IRVINGTON & WEST ORANGE, 2026 CEDAR GROVE, FAIRFIELD, GLEN RIDGE & VERONA, 2027 CALDWELL, NEWARK & WEST CALDWELL, 2028 BELLEVILLE, BLOOMFIELD & MONTCLAIR

Irvington Tax Assessor Silvia Forbes reported that taxpayer hearings are being conducted and the Revaluation will be filed on time.

West Orange Tax Assessor Jacob Nieman reported that inspections are complete and hearings are being scheduled for late January at which Tax Administrator objected and said hearings should be scheduled as soon as possible and added that value letters should be mailed immediately to comply with the extension for filing the Tax List on February 10, 2025.

Cedar Grove Tax Assessor Richard Hamilton reported that the Tax Maps were returned to Trenton with 51 corrections on Friday, December 13, 2024, with a copy of the MOD IV file. The MOD IV file must be resubmitted due to revisions. Tax Administrator reminded Mr. Hamilton that the contract must be awarded within 60 days of the return of the bids.

Fairfield Tax Assessor Christopher Murray reported that the RFP is complete and about to be advertised and the Tax Maps are being updated by Civil Solutions.

Glen Ridge Tax Assessor George Librizzi reported that the State approved the Revaluation to be moved from 2028 to 2026. The tax maps are in Trenton for review and one bid for the Revaluation was received from PPA.

Verona Tax Assessor George Librizzi reported that he is waiting for Tax Map approval. The PPA Contract for Revaluation has been sent to Trenton and he expects field work to start in January.

Caldwell Tax Assessor George Librizzi reported that the Tax Maps are being revised and he expects the Bond Ordinance to be approved in January. The RFP is prepared and he is hoping for it to be advertised in February.

Montclair Tax Assessor George Librizzi reported that there still has not been a meeting with the Finance Committee and the RFP has been prepared.

Newark Tax Assessor Frank Dallessio reported that the ASI has sent out introduction letters to taxpayers. The Municipal Council wants a public meeting held in each ward to explain the revaluation to taxpayers, these public meeting dates need to be arranged.

West Caldwell Tax Assessor Richard Hamilton reported that he is waiting for a proposal from Collier Engineering to revise the Tax Maps that then must be approved by the Municipal Council.

Belleville Tax Assessor Kevin Esposito was not present at the meeting and as per his report he is adhering to the timeline.

Bloomfield Tax Assessor Justin Lamicella reported that he sent the MOD IV to the State and he is preparing the RFP.

5. REVALUATION ORDERS: 2027 MILLBURN, 2029 ESSEX FELLS & NORTH CALDWELL

A motion to approve Revaluation Orders for 2027 Millburn was made by Commissioner Matarazzo, Seconded by Commissioner Grodman, all in favor motion approved. A Motion to approve Revaluation Orders for 2029 Essex Fells was made by Commissioner O'Brien, Seconded by Commissioner Grodman, all in favor motion approved. A Motion to approve Revaluation Orders for 2029 North Caldwell was made by Commissioner Grodman, Seconded by Commissioner Weller-Demming, all in favor motion approved.

6. UPDATE OF DEEDS

As of December 16, 2024, four thousand nine hundred thirty-eight deeds have been processed, that is about one hundred seventy-five less than this time last year.

7. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 10, 2025

8. PUBLIC SPEAKERS

None

9. NEW BUSINESS

None

10. MOTION TO GO TO ADDED/OMITTED HEARINGS

A Motion to go to Added/Omitted Hearings at 10:20 AM was made by Commissioner Weller-Demming, Seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, all in favor motion approved.

11. MOTION TO GO BACK ON RECORD

A Motion to go back on record at 11:13 AM was made by Commissioner Grodman, Seconded by Commissioner DeFuria, all in favor motion approved.

12. MOTION TO APPROVE JUDGMENTS HEARD TODAY, DECEMBER 17, 2024

A Motion to approve Judgments heard today, December 17, 2024, was made by Commissioner Grodman, Seconded by Commissioner Weller-Demming, all in favor motion approved.

13. ADJOURNMENT

A Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:14 AM was made by Commissioner O'Brien, Seconded by Commissioner Weller-Demming, all in favor motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Codey Durkin, CTA
Tax Administrator

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