

**ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION**  
**BOARD MEETING**  
**AGENDA**  
**Thursday, April 9, 2015**  
**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 March 2015 minutes*
3. *Adopt 100 % Resolution*
4. *Status for Caldwell and Essex Fells Revaluations for 2016*
5. *2015 Final Equalization Table Equalization Table*
6. *Motion to approve Tax Court Pending, Assessors Appeals, Affirmances, Stipulations and Withdrawals*
7. *Status of Deeds*
8. *Status of Appeals*
9. *Procedures and Scheduling of Appeals*
10. *New Business*
11. *Adjournment*

**COMMISSIONERS**

**PRESENT**

**ABSENT**

***O'BRIEN, PRESIDENT***

**X**

***DEFURIA***

**X**

***GRODMAN***

***JOHNSON***

**X**

***LINARES***

**X**

***MATARAZZO, JR***

**X**

***STEWART***

**X**

***ADMIN. DURKIN***

**X**

*A meeting of the Essex County Board of Taxation held on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 9:05 a.m. at its office, 50 South Clinton Street, Suite 52, East Orange, NJ.*

**1. ROLL CALL**

*Upon roll call, the following members were present: President O'Brien, Commissioners DeFuria, Grodman, Linares, Stewart and Administrator Durkin. Commissioners Johnson and Matarazzo were absent.*

*President O'Brien welcomed Administrator Durkin back and wished her good health.*

**2. Approval of March 2015 minutes**

*President O'Brien asked for a motion to approve the March 12, 2015 minutes. Commissioner Grodman made the motion and Commissioner DeFuria seconded the motion. All were in favor, except Commissioner Linares who abstained.*

**3. Adopt 100% Resolution**

*President O'Brien read the 100% Resolution into the minutes. Commissioner DeFuria moved for the Resolution to be approved, Commissioner Grodman seconded the motion. All were in favor.*

**4. Status for Caldwell and Essex Fells Revaluations for 2016**

**Caldwell**

*Kenya Kourkoulis, Administrative Assistant stated that the Commissioners had the updated revaluation information that Joan Kozeniesky, Assessor of Caldwell faxed.*

*Discussion followed regarding bids received on March 31, tax maps and cost.*

## **Essex Fells**

*Kenya Kourkoulis, Administrative Assistant stated that Kevin Esposito, Tax Assessor faxed letter regarding the status of Essex Fells revaluation, which is in Commissioner's folders. The letter states that the specs for the revaluation were approved and submitted for publication.*

### **5. Update of 2015 Preliminary Equalization Table**

*Kenya Kourkoulis stated the State and Auditor reviewed the Equalization Table. Commissioner DeFuria made the motion to approve the Equalization Table. Commissioner Linares seconded the motion. All were in favor.*

*Discussion followed regarding pilot programs and real property.*

### **6. Motion to approve Tax Court Pending, Assessors Appeals, Affirmances, Stipulations and Withdrawals**

*Commissioner Grodman made the motion to approve the 463 Tax Court Pending appeals scheduled for today. Commissioner Linares seconded the motion. All were in favor.*

### **7. Status of Deeds**

*Kenya Kourkoulis stated that 9,092 deeds have been keyed as of February 26, 2015. With approximately 450 more than this time last year.*

### **8. Status of Appeals**

*Kenya Kourkoulis stated as of three o'clock yesterday 3,728 appeals are in the system.*

*George Librizzi, CTA informed the Board that he filed a grievance with the Committee on Attorney Advertising Board against Lauren Jacoby. Discussion followed regarding the grievance and the advertisement that Hooten and Jacoby mailed to the property owners.*

## ***9. Procedure and Scheduling of Appeals***

*Discussion regarding the number of high volume of appeals that Newark and Irvington will probably have. In addition, there was discussion about the procedure of adjournments, appeals that are filed with taxes owed, no evidence before hearing, inspections, etc.*

*President O'Brien requested that all Commissioners give Kenya their available dates for appeal hearings.*

## ***10. New Business***

*No new business*

## ***11. Adjournment***

*There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m. on a motion made by Commissioner Grodman and was seconded by Commissioner Stewart. All were in favor.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Joan Codey Durkin, CTA  
Tax Board Administrator*

*pms*

