

ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION
BOARD MEETING
AGENDA
Thursday, April 6, 2017
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 2017 minutes*
3. *Adopt 100 % Resolution*
4. *Status of 2017 Preliminary Equalization Table/Final Equalization Table*
5. *Status of Revaluations: 2017 Millburn, 2018 Belleville (Twp Officials) & Montclair, 2019 Nutley*
6. *Status of Revaluation Orders: Bloomfield, Fairfield, Glen Ridge, Livingston, Roseland and Verona*
7. *Motion to approve Tax Court Pending, Assessors Appeals, Affirmances, Stipulations and Withdrawals*
8. *Status of Deeds*
9. *Status of Appeals*
10. *Procedures and Scheduling of Appeals*
11. *New Business*
12. *Adjournment*

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT

ABSENT

MATARAZZO, JR, PRESIDENT

X

DEFURIA

X

GRODMAN

X

JOHNSON

X

LINARES

X

O'BRIEN

X

STEWART

X

ADMIN. DURKIN

X

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

A meeting of the Essex County Board of Taxation held on Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 9:17 a.m. at its office located at 50 South Clinton Street, Suite 5200, East Orange, New Jersey.

1. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following members were present: President Matarazzo, Jr., Commissioners Grodman, Johnson, O'Brien, Stewart, and Administrator Durkin. Commissioners DeFuria and Linares were not in attendance.

2. Approval of March 2017 minutes

Commissioner O'Brien made a motion to approve the minutes of March 2, 2017. Commissioner Grodman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

3. Adopt 100 % Resolution

President Matarazzo read the 100% Resolution into the minutes. Commissioner O'Brien made the motion to adopt the 100% Resolution. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion. All were in favor.

4. Status of 2017 Preliminary Equalization Table/Final Equalization Table

Administrator Durkin stated that Joe Faccone, Auditor was here yesterday reviewing the equalization table. Some issues with Newark's 441's.

Administrator Durkin requested that a motion be made to approve the 2017 Preliminary Equalization Table/Final Equalization Table after the Auditors and State review. Commissioner O'Brien moved the requested motion. President Matarazzo seconded the motion. All were in favor.

5. Status of Revaluations: 2017 Millburn, 2018 Belleville (Twp Officials) & Montclair, 2019 Nutley

2017

Millburn – Administrator Durkin stated that the Township of Millburn filed the tax books on Friday, March 31, 2017. The deadline to file tax appeals will be May 15, 2017.

Administrator Durkin stated that the Township of Orange had some computer issues that affected 300 property assessments. Corrected cards were mailed to the 300 property owners. They have a deadline to file tax appeals of May 13, 2017.

2018

Belleville – Kevin Esposito, CTA and Joseph Angelo, Esq. attended representing the Township.

Administrator Durkin stated that a letter was mailed to the Belleville Business Administrator, Township Attorney, Mayor and Tax Assessor dated March 8, 2017 requesting their attendance to this Board meeting today. Only response received was from the Mayor saying he could not attend the meeting.

Mr. Esposito stated that the contract for the tax map was approved on March 28, 2017 and the firm is working to obtain the master deeds required for updates to the condominium complex. On March 22nd I received a memo from the purchasing director stating that the RFP for the Revaluation has expired and will have to be advertised again once authorized by the governing body. A resolution will be prepared for the next council meeting so we can re-advertise. Once proposals are received, they will be reviewed and presented to the council.

Much discussion followed regarding the December 2015 orders for the Revaluation, RFP, funds for the Revaluation, etc. Commissioner Stewart requested Belleville to find out if they could extend the original bids.

Montclair – George Librizzi, CTA stated Montclair moving forward. Inspections have been completed on approximately 800 residential and 150 commercial properties. Appointments are available for the property owners for reviews during the day, evening and Saturdays.

2019

Nutley - Administrator Durkin stated that Ed Brown's father had passed away that is why he is not in attendance for the meeting.

Administrator Durkin read the email received from Ed on April 4, 2017.

The Township engineer should be close to completing the map updates. Early in March they communicated to me that they were a little behind but were putting more labor behind the task. At the very least, I should be able to report for the May meeting that the maps have been resent to Trenton for approval and I am crossing my fingers that perhaps we will have the maps approved.

An RFP has been drafted but we will not go out to bid until a little later in the year as the governing body wants to have a more certain vision of the future developments of the former Roche site.

6. Status of Revaluation Orders: Bloomfield, Fairfield, Glen Ridge, Livingston, Roseland and Verona

Administrator Durkin stated that a letter from the State of New Jersey Acting Director John Ficara is in everyone's folder. The Orders have been signed for Fairfield, Glen Ridge, Livingston and Verona for the year 2019. For the year 2020 are Bloomfield and Roseland.

7 . Motion to approve Tax Court Pending, Assessors Appeals, Affirmances, Stipulations and Withdrawals

A motion was made by Commissioner Johnson to approve tax court pending, assessor's appeals, affirmation, stipulations and withdrawals. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion. All were in favor.

8. Status of Deeds

Kenya Kourkoulis, Administrative Assistant stated that 12,195 deeds were keyed up to March 20th, which is approximately 1,800, more than this time last year.

9. Status of Appeals

Kenya Kourkoulis, Administrative Assistant informed the Board the total number of appeals is 2127. Approximately Newark and Irvington have 1,000 together. 271 Tax Court pending appeals were approved today.

10. Procedures and Scheduling of Appeals

Discussion was had regarding Commissioners schedules, how to handle appeals with taxes owed, adjournments, etc.

11. New Business

No new business.

12. Adjournment

With no further business, Commissioner Johnson made the motion to adjourn meeting at 10:05 a.m. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion. All were in favor.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Codey Durkin, Tax Administrator*

JCD/pms