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M E M B E R S P R E S E N T:

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COMMISSIONER EVERETT JOHNSON
COMMISSIONER MARY DEVON O'BRIEN
COMMISSIONER JAMES R. MATARAZZO, JR., President

M E M B E R S A B S E N T:

COMMISSIONER JOSEPH A. DeFURIA, ESQ.
COMMISSIONER LUIS M. LINARES

A L S O P R E S E N T:

JOAN CODEY DURKIN, Tax Administrator
KENYA KOURKOULIS, Administrative Assistant

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1 MR. DILLON: Okay, on the record.

2 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Morning everyone.

3 This meeting is called pursuant to the Open
4 Public Meeting Act.

5 Adequate notice of which has been provided
6 to The Newark Star-Ledger, a local newspaper, and
7 such notice having been posted in the Essex
8 County Board of Taxation.

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10 **1. ROLL CALL:**

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12 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Roll call.

13 MS. KOURKOULIS: President Matarazzo?

14 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Present.

15 MS. KOURKOULIS: Commissioner DeFuria?

16 Absent.

17 Commissioner Grodman?

18 COMMISSIONER GRODMAN: Here.

19 MS. KOURKOULIS: Commissioner Johnson?

20 COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Here.

21 MS. KOURKOULIS: Commissioner Linares?

22 Absent.

23 Commissioner O'Brien?

24 COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN: Here.

25 MS. KOURKOULIS: Administrator Durkin?

1 MS. CODEY DURKIN: Here.

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3 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
4 action on the following item:

5 **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

6 BOARD MEETING MINUTES MARCH 2018.)

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8 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Okay, do I have a
9 motion to approve the March 2018 minutes?

10 COMMISSIONER GRODMAN: So moved.

11 COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN: Second.

12 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: All in favor?

13 (Whereupon, there was a chorus of ayes.)

14 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Okay.

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16 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
17 action on the following item:

18 **3. ADOPT 100% RESOLUTION.)**

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20 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: And then the Adoption
21 of 100% Resolution.

22 Mary Devon's going to read it.

23 COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN: Yes.

24 Be It Resolved, that the Essex County Board
25 of Taxation establishes the percentage of one

1 hundred (100%) as the ratio of assessed to true
2 value of real property, as the ratio to be used
3 within the County of Essex for the purpose of
4 assessing the taxable values to be used in
5 levying taxes for the calendar year of 2018 and
6 thereafter, until change, in accordance with
7 Chapter 51, Laws of 1960 Revised Statutes 54:4-
8 2.27 and amendments and supplements thereto;

9 And Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of
10 this Resolution be filed with the Director of the
11 Division of Taxation, all municipal tax
12 assessors, and municipal clerks for the County of
13 Essex, in compliance with the above statutes.

14 Done this 5th day of April, 2018.

15 So moved.

16 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: All in favor?

17 MS. O'BRIEN: Second?

18 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: I'll second.

19 COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Second to second it.

20 I'll second.

21 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: All in favor?

22 (Whereupon, there was a chorus of ayes.)

23 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Kenya, do you want us

24 to --

25 MS. KOURKOULIS: No, I'm going to --

1 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Yeah.

2 MS. KOURKOULIS: -- fill it all in and put
3 your stamps on it.

4 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Okay.

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6 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
7 action on the following item:

8 **4. APPROVE OVERRIDES NEWARK & SOUTH ORANGE.)**

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10 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Do I have a motion to
11 Approve the Overrides of Newark and South Orange?

12 COMMISSIONER GRODMAN: So moved.

13 COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN: Second.

14 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: All in favor?

15 (Whereupon, there was a chorus of ayes.)

16 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Okay.

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18 (Whereupon, the Board discussed and took
19 action on the following item:

20 **5. APPROVE 2018 PRELIMINARY EQUALIZATION**
21 **TABLE/FINAL EQUALIZATION TABLE.)**

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23 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Do I have a motion to
24 Approve the 2018 Preliminary Equalization Table
25 and Final Equalization Table of Essex County?

1 COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: So move.

2 COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN: Second.

3 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: All in favor?

4 (Whereupon, there was a chorus of ayes.)

5 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Okay.

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7 **6. STATUS OF REVALUATIONS:**

8 **2018 MONTCLAIR, 2019 BELLEVILLE, 2021 NUTLEY.)**

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10 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: The Status of
11 Revaluations.

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13 **2018 MONTCLAIR**

14 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: 2018 Montclair; come
15 up here, George.

16 MR. LIBRIZZI: Good morning, Commissioner.

17 George Librizzi for Township of Montclair.

18 As you all know we filed the book on March

19 1st. Reval is complete. At this juncture the

20 appeal volume has been low. I think as of

21 yesterday we have 25 appeals entered in the

22 County system. I think that's partly due to the

23 values being placed very conservatively and

24 reasonably on the properties there.

25 And, in addition, we're actively asking the

1 public to fill out informal review requests so
2 that I have an opportunity, if I think the
3 property is overvalued, I'm filing the appeal on
4 their behalf.

5 And they're signing a stipulation in
6 advance so it's a smooth process for everyone.

7 That's the report.

8 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Any questions,
9 Commissioners?

10 Thank you, George.

11 MR. LIBRIZZI: You're welcome.

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13 **2019 BELLEVILLE**

14 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: 2019; Belleville.
15 Kevin?

16 MR. ESPOSITO: Morning, Commissioners.

17 Kevin Esposito, Township of Belleville.

18 Like to report that Professional Property
19 Appraisers has begun inspecting properties
20 throughout the Township of Belleville.

21 Primarily, commercial properties would be
22 the first group of properties that they would be
23 inspecting.

24 The residential homes should start within
25 the next two to three weeks.

1 I have to say I'm very pleased their
2 commercial inspectors have been in my office at
3 least two times weekly and they're getting very
4 familiar with our tax lists on the commercial
5 side and working very well with my staff.

6 At this point in time I don't believe we'll
7 have any issues with timely filing the tax list
8 for 2019.

9 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Excellent. Good
10 answer.

11 Any questions, Commissioners?

12 Thank you, Kevin.

13 COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Thank you.

14 MR. ESPOSITO: Yes.

15

16 **2021 NUTLEY**

17 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: 2021; Nutley.

18 Edmund?

19 MR. BROWN: Ed Brown, Tax Assessor,
20 Township of Nutley.

21 Things haven't really changed much from
22 last month. At this point we're still on track
23 for 2021.

24 As I've mentioned previously, the tax maps
25 have been approved, an RFP has been drafted.

1 We're looking -- I submitted a timeline to the
2 Board last month and --

3 MS. CODEY DURKIN: Right. We have a new
4 timeline for you. So we will give it to you.

5 I mean it just changed some of the months
6 that you had submitted before.

7 MR. BROWN: Yeah, I know we --

8 MS. CODEY DURKIN: So we moved them up.

9 MR. BROWN: Moved -- yeah, we were looking
10 to move -- issuing the RFP up and -- and getting
11 --

12 MS. CODEY DURKIN: Right.

13 MR. BROWN: -- a reval company --

14 MS. CODEY DURKIN: So we will --

15 MR. BROWN: -- under contract earlier.

16 MS. CODEY DURKIN: -- we will give you a
17 copy of that.

18 We moved -- I don't know what they were
19 before but January, 2019, -- you gave that.
20 March, 2019, award the contract. April, 2019,
21 mail the introduction letters. And June, 2019,
22 the inspection to commence.

23 And then by October of 2020, I think the
24 rest of that list follows the timeline that you
25 had said.

1 And the reason for that, and I'll -- I
2 guess I'll interject right now -- was the
3 unintended consequences of not having things done
4 in a timely fashion.

5 As we know this past week, we had a lovely
6 Easter, weather was terrific, we had snow on
7 Monday. You would not believe the people who
8 came in, which was great. But the people who
9 came in on Tuesday wanted to know why they
10 couldn't file on Tuesday; because of the snow on
11 Monday. Can't do that.

12 So we want to do things ahead of time.

13 MR. BROWN: Yeah, I think it's good to have
14 a buffer. I agree.

15 MS. CODEY DURKIN: Okay.

16 MR. BROWN: Yeah. I mean, basically, from
17 how this has been edited, --

18 MS. CODEY DURKIN: Yeah.

19 MR. BROWN: -- it basically just moves the
20 first few items --

21 MS. CODEY DURKIN: Things up.

22 MR. BROWN: -- three months earlier.

23 MS. CODEY DURKIN: Earlier. Okay.

24 MR. BROWN: So, and as I agreed last week,

25 --

1 MS. CODEY DURKIN: And I think what we're
2 trying to do is protect your tax map --

3 MR. BROWN: Yes.

4 MS. CODEY DURKIN: -- thing so that you
5 don't have to do the tax maps again.

6 MR. BROWN: Yes. That's -- especially when
7 we have a reval company under contract --

8 MS. CODEY DURKIN: Right.

9 MR. BROWN: -- because of the two years
10 that we get.

11 MS. CODEY DURKIN: Okay. Thank you.

12 MR. BROWN: Thank you.

13 COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN: Thank you.

14 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Thank you, Edmund.

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17 **7. UPDATE OF REVALUATIONS**

18 **2019 GLEN RIDGE & VERONA; 2020 BLOOMFIELD,**

19 **FAIRFIELD, LIVINGSTON & ROSELAND.)**

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21 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Update on

22 Revaluations.

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24 **2019 GLEN RIDGE & 2019 VERONA**

25 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Glen Ridge; 2019.

1 George?

2 MR. LIBRIZZI: Yes. Good morning,
3 Commissioners.

4 George Librizzi for Glen Ridge. And might
5 as well talk about Township of Verona also.

6 Commissioners, the reval company has gone
7 through the town in its entirety. They are just
8 recently sent out the third attempt letters to
9 the property owners.

10 So we're way ahead of schedule; here it is,
11 as you know, just beginning of April. So we have
12 plenty of time to try and get as many inspections
13 done as possible and give the people the
14 opportunity to have the most accurate data
15 collected about their homes.

16 We're at the beginning phases. I'm going
17 to be creating new line items for billboards that
18 were discovered in Verona and we'll be putting
19 those on. And then there's also a couple of cell
20 phone antenna towers that are on top of buildings
21 that we are going to address.

22 Beyond that, Chapter 91s will be going out
23 shortly. And we'll be starting that analysis --
24 the measurements of all the commercial properties
25 pretty much complete.

1 So we're ahead of schedule in both
2 communities.

3 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Excellent.

4 COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN: Good.

5 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Any questions,
6 Commissioners?

7 COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: So, Glen Ridge is
8 2019 but Verona's 2020; is that correct?

9 MR. LIBRIZZI: No, there's a comma there
10 actually. They're --

11 COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Ah.

12 MR. LIBRIZZI: -- both 2019.

13 COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Okay. I see it now.
14 Okay, thank you.

15 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Thank you,
16 Commissioner.

17 MR. LIBRIZZI: You're welcome.

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19 **2020 BLOOMFIELD**

20 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: 2020; Bloomfield.
21 Joe?

22 MR. PISAURO: Good morning, everybody.

23 COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN: Morning.

24 MR. PISAURO: Joe Pisauero, Bloomfield
25 Township.

1 We're moving along with the RFP. I'm still
2 tweaking it a little bit. I was doing more work
3 on it this week.

4 The mapping is moving along also. They
5 didn't start the condos yet but they're merging
6 -- there's a lot of these trailer lots,
7 properties that they have to -- they have to
8 merge them. There's subdivisions they're putting
9 on. So we're getting all the deed descriptions
10 for them.

11 So, we're -- I'm proceeding in a timely
12 manner. Let me put it like that. So we're okay.

13 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Um-hum.

14 So we're ahead of schedule and we're okay?

15 MR. PISAURO: No I think I'm ahead either
16 way. Because my goal was to get them in the
17 field in June, which I really don't think is
18 going to happen. But then I wasn't thinking
19 that, you know, if they went in the field for
20 June and they got done next June in the field,
21 it's almost too soon to be done.

22 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Um-hum.

23 MR. PISAURO: So, you know, I have a bit of
24 a buffer there. So, I'm confident that I'm on
25 schedule.

1 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Excellent.

2 MR. PISAURO: Okay?

3 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Thank you, Joe.

4 MS. CODEY DURKIN: I'm really concerned
5 about the tax maps getting down to Trenton.

6 MR. PISAURO: No, the -- for their -- the
7 second time for their review?

8 MS. CODEY DURKIN: Um-hum.

9 MR. PISAURO: All right.

10 MS. CODEY DURKIN: All right. Because no
11 matter what happens they always send it back and
12 find some more things to --

13 They don't send everything back the first
14 time that they find; they always find more. So,
15 there's --

16 MR. PISAURO: Okay.

17 MS. CODEY DURKIN: -- it's -- behooves them
18 to get it back to Trenton as soon as possible.

19 MR. PISAURO: They did say they -- you know
20 when we first hired them, --

21 Well they were already an existing
22 contractor with the town, so I really --

23 MS. CODEY DURKIN: Um-hum.

24 MR. PISAURO: -- didn't have to hire them.
25 They were one of the --

1 MS. CODEY DURKIN: Right.

2 MR. PISAURO: -- vendors.

3 COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN: Um-hum.

4 MR. PISAURO: So they did say that they
5 would probably be done by the end of April.

6 So, I'll call them up today and I'll get a

7 --

8 MS. CODEY DURKIN: Get a better --

9 MR. PISAURO: But the condos are going --

10 MS. CODEY DURKIN: -- timeframe.

11 MR. PISAURO: -- to take time because they
12 have to put every little box on the --

13 MS. CODEY DURKIN: I know.

14 But there were a lot of little things that
15 -- where they say that they need things from you
16 about --

17 MR. PISAURO: With the deeds.

18 MS. CODEY DURKIN: -- the deeds.

19 MR. PISAURO: I had to get that, yeah.

20 MS. CODEY DURKIN: Okay.

21 MR. PISAURO: Yeah.

22 They got a whole bunch mailed to them
23 Monday.

24 MS. CODEY DURKIN: Okay.

25 MR. PISAURO: I mailed a whole stack. So

1 that --

2 MS. CODEY DURKIN: Good.

3 MR. PISAURO: -- was another bunch that
4 they're going to be getting.

5 MS. CODEY DURKIN: Um-hum.

6 MR. PISAURO: So, --

7 MS. CODEY DURKIN: Good.

8 MR. PISAURO: Okay.

9 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Thank you, Joe.

10 MR. PISAURO: Thank you.

11 COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN: Thank you.

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13 **2020 FAIRFIELD**

14 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Township of
15 Fairfield.

16 MS. CODEY DURKIN: Okay, Mike is not here
17 today; Mike Leposky from Fairfield.

18 But in regards to the RFP at the March

19 26 --

20 His letter is in your file.

21 COMMISSIONER GRODMAN: Yup. See it.

22 MS. CODEY DURKIN: -- that there is
23 Resolution authorizing the municipal clerk to
24 advertise the bids for the revaluation of the
25 Township. And he and the municipal attorney are

1 in the process of preparing the bid
2 specifications.

3 We will keep on top of him with regard to
4 making sure that contract goes out. They do have
5 the revaluation orders for 2020.

6 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Okay.

7 MS. CODEY DURKIN: Okay.

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9 **2020 LIVINGSTON**

10 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Livingston.

11 Lidia?

12 Thank you.

13 MS. DUMYTSCH: Good morning.

14 COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN: Morning.

15 COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Good morning.

16 MS. DUMYTSCH: Lidia Dumytsch, Tax Assessor
17 in Livingston.

18 We made the required revisions to the tax
19 maps and we submitted them back to the State for
20 their second review.

21 And we're going to be meeting with the two
22 revaluation companies that submitted bids this
23 month. And hopefully we'll have somebody under
24 contract the beginning of May.

25 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Excellent.

1 COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN: Good.

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3 **2020 ROSELAND**

4 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Roseland.

5 Kevin?

6 MR. ESPOSITO: Morning, Commissioners,
7 again.

8 Kevin Esposito; Roseland.

9 The tax maps have been received by the
10 Division of Taxation Mapping Division and
11 Roseland last month. We've already received the
12 response. And the engineering firm is working on
13 the changes. We anticipate that those changes
14 will be sent down within the next two weeks.

15 The RFP draft has been completed.
16 Municipal attorney and administrator are
17 reviewing to schedule the RFP so that we can
18 award later in the year.

19 And once again I don't anticipate that this
20 reval will not be completed timely for 2020.

21 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Excellent.

22 Any questions?

23 Thank you, Kevin.

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25 **8. FAIRFIELD RESOLUTION APPROVED BY STATE**

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2 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Okay, Fairfield
3 Resolution Approved by the State.

4 We went over that one.

5 MS KOURKOULIS: It's right there.

6 MS. CODEY DURKIN: Yeah.

7 MS. KOURKOULIS: It was approved the
8 Resolution to --

9 MS. CODEY DURKIN: Yeah. We have a copy
10 for the file, which was approved on March 9th by
11 the State.

12 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Okay, March 9th.

13 COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN: Okay.

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15 **9. STATUS OF DEEDS**

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17 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Okay. Kenya, Status
18 of Deeds.

19 MS. KOURKOULIS: I'm sorry.

20 We have keyed in up until February 14th,
21 12,537, which is like approximately 800 more than
22 last year. They've had to stop keying in because
23 you know there's only two girls and the appeals
24 started coming in. So, the deeds are on the back
25 burner until probably next week.

1 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Okay.

2 MS. CODEY DURKIN: But I have to interrupt
3 that the -- basically, by -- that -- doing a
4 Wednesday --

5 MS. KOURKOULIS: Yes.

6 MS. CODEY DURKIN: -- update of all --

7 MS. KOURKOULIS: Yeah, she's still doing
8 them.

9 MS. CODEY DURKIN: -- all the deeds,
10 everybody's been pretty much on target of
11 completing their deeds, which has been pretty
12 good.

13 So we haven't gotten a call from the State
14 saying that the municipalities have been behind,
15 so that's good.

16 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: That's great.

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18 **10. STATUS OF APPEALS**

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20 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Status of Appeals.

21 MS. KOURKOULIS: As of yesterday, three
22 o'clock, we've entered 3,186.

23 Out of that I did a count and 1500 are tax
24 court pending so far, which we'll most likely
25 dispose of at the May 1st meeting.

1 I'm going to try to send those notices out
2 next week sometime for the May 1st meeting.

3 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Um-hum. The submit
4 -- down from last year or is it about the same?

5 MS. KOURKOULIS: I think we might be the
6 same. I mean last year at this time we only had
7 like 2200 entered.

8 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: How many towns do we
10 have for reval this year?

11 Refresh my memory.

12 MS. KOURKOULIS: Just Montclair.

13 COMMISSIONER GRODMAN: Just Montclair.

14 COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Just Montclair.

15 So that's significant but --

16 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Okay. Excellent.

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18 **11. PROCEDURES AND SCHEDULING OF APPEALS**

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20 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Procedures and
21 Scheduling of Appeals.

22 MR. KOURKOULIS: Yes, if you could give me
23 your dates, so I could really start notifying the
24 towns and try to get a lot of letters out for
25 May. Try to give them more than ten days notice.

1 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Okay.

2 COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: When do you want to
3 start? What week do we want to start hearing
4 appeals?

5 MS. KOURKOULIS: The first week in May.
6 This gives April -- us a chance to get everything
7 filed, finish entering, letting the towns know in
8 advance when they're going to be here, get the
9 letters printed and mailed out.

10 So right now there's only, you know, two
11 girls.

12 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Okay.

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14 **12. SENATE BILL 2029**

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16 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: The Senate Bill --
17 Thank you, Kenya.
18 Senate Bill 2029.

19 MS. CODEY DURKIN: Right.

20 In your folders is a copy of Ocean County's
21 Tax Board resolution opposing the Senate Bill.
22 And I've included a copy of the bill in your
23 folders.

24 The assessors are going to meet that are
25 here after our meeting to discuss that bill. So

1 I would like you to read over the bill later.
2 And you can email me your comments or what have
3 you so that we can respond to this bill, which --
4 tell me what your feelings are about this Senate
5 Bill and then we'll -- before the next meeting if
6 we have to do a conference call or --

7 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Okay.

8 MS. CODEY DURKIN: -- something --

9 COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN: Yes.

10 MS. CODEY DURKIN: -- to make a statement
11 --

12 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Okay.

13 MS. CODEY DURKIN: -- with regard to this
14 bill.

15 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Excellent.

16 MS. CODEY DURKIN: Okay?

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18 **13. NEW BUSINESS**

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20 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: All right, any New
21 Business for the County Tax Board?

22 MS. CODEY DURKIN: Well, in your folders
23 also is a status of the revaluations. It's an
24 updated thing that says, you know, where we are.

25 On next month's agenda, May 1st, I probably

1 will be presenting what towns we will be putting
2 on orders. Probably at least five towns. And,
3 you know, they would be for 2021 or 2020, you
4 know, but probably further out.

5 COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN: Um-hum.

6 MS. CODEY DURKIN: Also, George and I went
7 to Jeff Otteau seminar last week. And so in your
8 folders are how well Essex County is doing in the
9 marketplace, who are the County Power Rankings --
10 and Essex County is number 2 statewide. And
11 strongest markets, I thought you would like to be
12 -- know Glen Ridge is number 1; Maplewood is
13 number 2; Montclair is down there, too; West
14 Caldwell is in that marketplace; Bloomfield is in
15 there; Verona.

16 Did I say Bloomfield?

17 A VOICE: Yeah.

18 MS. CODEY DURKIN: Yeah.

19 There are weakest markets but mainly
20 they're in the southern part of the State.

21 And they feel that the forecast for the
22 home price -- prices that Maplewood, Montclair,
23 Bloomfield, Glen Ridge, Millburn, Short Hills,
24 Newark, West Caldwell -- that they will be going
25 up.

1 And then there is a Housing Report Card for
2 all of Essex County and they feel the price
3 forecast is very positive and, basically, they
4 all have pluses next to them.

5 So, just so that you can see that for your
6 information.

7 COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN: Good. Thank you.

8 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Thank you.

9 MS. CODEY DURKIN: But, of course, you know
10 when your hearings are that you would be hearing,
11 as of October 1st, 2017, right?

12 Also, just in case, on your appeals, we
13 decided to do a color sheet so that you can find
14 your remark page and then where you have to sign
15 and put your codes in so that it's easier for you
16 to find that page.

17 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Yup. Very
18 appreciated.

19 COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Good idea.

20 MS. CODEY DURKIN: Okay.

21 Kenya probably thought of that.

22 MS. KOURKOULIS: No, you.

23 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Thank you.

24 MS. CODEY DURKIN: Oh, I did. I can't
25 remember.

1 MS. KOURKOULIS: It was her.

2 MS. CODEY DURKIN: And anybody who wants a
3 copy -- the full copy of this, --

4 We did put it in your boxes. The ones --
5 pages that we had given to the Commissioners.
6 But Jeff Otteau had said just as long as you
7 don't put it on your website or use it for
8 commercial reason, you know, that we could give
9 it out to you.

10 So, if anybody wants it, we'll make you
11 copies. So just tell me. Okay.

12 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Any other New
13 Business from anyone in the County?

14 MS. CODEY DURKIN: Does anybody have any
15 problems?

16 Anyone upset?

17 No.

18 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Okay.

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20 **14. ADJOURNMENT:**

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22 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Do I have a motion to
23 adjourn the hearing?

24 COMMISSIONER GRODMAN: So moved.

25 COMMISSIONER O'BRIEN: So moved.

1 COMMISSIONER JOHNSON: Second.

2 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: All in favor?

3 (Whereupon, there was a chorus of ayes.)

4 PRESIDENT MATARAZZO: Everyone's dismissed.

5 (Whereupon, the proceedings were concluded

6 at 10:00 a.m.)

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