

**ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION
BOARD MEETING
AGENDA**

**Monday, December 14, 2015
9:00 a.m.**

REVISED

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.

ROLL CALL

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of November 2015 minutes
3. Update Caldwell and Essex Fells Revaluations
4. Chapter 101 Compliance Plans - Motion to approve the following towns: Bloomfield, Cedar Grove and West Caldwell
5. Update on deeds
6. Update of Nutley Assessor
7. Update of Revaluations for Belleville, Maplewood, Millburn, Montclair, Nutley and South Orange
8. December 18, 2015 hearing date for Omitted Appeals (Hospitals)
9. Resolution for Joan Kozeniesky, Former Montclair Tax Assessor
10. Public Speakers
11. New Business
12. Closed Session: (A) Belleville Twp., (B) Bloomfield Twp.
13. Motion to go to Added/Omitted Hearings
14. Motion to go back on record
15. Motion to approve Judgments heard today, December 14, 2015
16. Adjournment

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT

ABSENT

O'Brien, President

X_____

DeFuria

X

Grodman

X

Johnson

X (arrived at 9:20)

Linares

X

Matarazzo, Jr.

X (arrived at 9:08)

Stewart

X

Admin. Durkin

X

**** AGENDA MAYBE AMENDED PRIOR TO BOARD MEETING****

A meeting of the Essex County Board of Taxation was held on Monday, December 14, 2015 at 9:06 a.m. at its office, 50 South Clinton Street, Suite 5200, East Orange, NJ.

1. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following members were present: President O'Brien, Commissioners DeFuria, Grodman, Stewart and Administrator Durkin. Commissioner Matrazzo, Jr. arrived at 9:08 and Commissioner Johnson arrived at 9:20. Commissioner Linares was not present.

2. Approval of November 2015 minutes

President O'Brien requested to approve November 2015 minutes later in the meeting on the arrival of Commissioner Matarazzo and Johnson. Commissioner Matarazzo made the motion to approve the November 2015 minutes. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was carried.

Commissioner Matarazzo arrived at 9:08 a.m.

3. Update Caldwell and Essex Fells Revaluations

George Librizzi, Caldwell Tax Assessor and Kevin Esposito, Essex Fells Tax Assessor both stated that the processes of the revaluations are moving forward. Discussion followed regarding tax maps and contracts.

4. Chapter 101 Compliance Plans – Motion to approve the following towns: Bloomfield, Cedar Grove and West Caldwell

Administrator Durkin stated that she met on December 10th and discussed with both Assessors regarding their Chapter 101 Compliance Plans.

Township of Bloomfield - Joe Pisauro, Tax Assessor stated eight neighborhoods had to be adjusted. Commissioner Stewart made the motion to approve the Township of Bloomfield Chapter 101 Compliance plan. Commissioner DeFuria was second to move the motion. All were in favor.

Township of Cedar Grove – Richard Hamilton, Tax Assessor stated that three neighborhoods had to be adjusted. Commissioner Grodman made the motion to approve the Township of Cedar Grove’s Chapter 101 Compliance plan. Commissioner Matarazzo was second to move the motion. All were in favor.

Township of West Caldwell – Richard Hamilton, Tax Assessor withdrew the application for the Chapter 101 Compliance plan.

5. Update on Deeds

Kenya Kourkoulis, Administrative Assistant stated that as of November 30th 6,220 deeds have been processed. That is an increase of 545 deeds from this time last year.

6. Update of Nutley Assessor

Administrator Durkin stated that she is aware that the position was offered to someone but no formal notification from the Township as of yet.

7. Update of Revaluations for Belleville, Maplewood, Millburn, Montclair, Nutley and South Orange

Belleville – Kevin Esposito, Tax Assessor stated that an engineering firm is reviewing and revising tax maps, RFP to be prepared.

Maplewood and South Orange - Edward Galante, Township of Maplewood Tax Assessor, Roger Desiderio, Esq. Township of Maplewood Tax Appeal Attorney and Ellen Malgieri, Township of South Orange Tax Assessor were present. Discussion was had regarding timeframe for the application for Reassessment and criteria.

Commissioner Johnson arrives at meeting – 9:20 a.m.

Millburn – Administrator Durkin stated that tax maps would be the issue with Millburn as well.

Montclair – George Librizzi, Tax Assessor stated that funds are in the budget for the revaluation, tax maps sent to State with changes.

8. December 18, 2015 hearing date for Omitted Appeals (Hospitals)

Administrator Durkin informed the Board that Friday, December 18, 2015 would be the hearing date for the Hospital's Omitted Appeals. President O'Brien will be hearing the cases and a conference call meeting will be in place that day. Much discussion was had regarding the Hospital Omitted Appeals.

9. Resolution for Joan Kozeniesky, Former Montclair Tax Assessor

President O'Brien read the Resolution for the former Montclair Tax Assessor Joan Kozeniesky. Joan will be honored for her years of service at the Assessor's Holiday Party on December 16, 2015.

10. Public Speakers

No public speakers

11. New Business

No new business

12. Closed Session: (A) Belleville Twp, (B) Bloomfield Twp.

At 9:30 a.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Matarazzo to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Grodman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

At 10:26 a.m., a motion was made by Commissioner Johnson to exit Executive Session and return to open session. Commissioner DeFuria seconded the motion. All were in favor.

13. Motion to go to Added/Omitted Hearings

At 10:27, President O'Brien requested a motion to go to Added/Omitted hearings. Commissioner DeFuria made the first motion and Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

14. Motion to go back on record

(President O'Brien had to leave at 12:20)

At 2:02, Commissioner Stewart made a motion to go back on the record from the Added/Omitted hearings. Commissioner Grodman seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

15. Motion to approve judgments heard today December 14, 2015

Commissioner Grodman made the motion to approve the Added/Omitted judgments rendered today.

Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

16. Adjournment

With no further business at 2:05, Commissioner Stewart made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Grodman seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Codey Durkin
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