

**ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION
BOARD MEETING**

AGENDA

**Thursday, February 2, 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 December 2016 & January 2017 minutes
3. Date Tax List Filed for Extension Towns: Caldwell, East Orange & So. Orange
4. Status of Revaluations: 2017 Essex Fells, Millburn, Maplewood, 2018 Belleville & Montclair, 2019 Nutley
5. Municipal Revaluation Statistics of Revaluation Proposals for Bloomfield, Fairfield, Glen Ridge, Livingston, Roseland & Verona
6. Approval of Overrides
7. Update of Appeals
8. Update of Deeds
9. Public Speakers
10. New Business
11. Adjournment

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT

ABSENT

MATARAZZO, 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 was held on Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 9:25 a.m. at its office located at 50 South Clinton Street, Suite 5200, East Orange, New Jersey 07018.

1. ROLL CALL

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

2. Approval of December 2016 & January 2017 minutes

December 2016

Commissioner O'Brien made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner DeFuria and was approved.

January 2017

Commissioner Grodman made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 2017 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Stewart and was approved.

3. Date Tax List filed for Extension Towns: Caldwell, East Orange & South Orange

Caldwell – George Librizzi, Tax Assessor stated that the books were filed on January 12, 2017.

E. Orange - Books were filed on January 17, 2017.

S. Orange – Books were filed on January 12, 2017.

4. Status of Revaluations: 2017 Essex Fells, Millburn, Maplewood, 2018 Belleville, Montclair, 2019 Nutley

2017

Essex Fells – Kevin Esposito, Tax Assessor stated that the residential inspections have been completed. Appointments have been scheduled through February 3, 2017. Will continue to inspect properties as requested and have additional informal hearings. Value letters will be mailed out in late February and first week of March. The books should be filed by March 8, 2017.

Millburn – Anthony Marchese, Esq., Chiesa, Shahinian & Giantomasi on the behalf of the Township of Millburn.

Administrator Durkin stated that she had requested Lisa Barato, Tax Assessor and Jason Cohen, Project Manager, ASI to attend the Board meeting today to inform the Board the status of the revaluation.

Much discussion was had regarding the Short Hills Mall, extension for filing tax listings, value letters and informal hearings, etc.

Maplewood - Ed Galante, Tax Assessor stated that informal hearings are complete, hope to have all values finalized by Friday.

2018

Belleville – Kevin Esposito, Tax Assessor stated that the tax map corrections are still being worked on. This process has proceeded slowly due to the large number of complexes in Belleville where master deeds were not maintained. On January 12, 2017 the RFP's were opened. Submissions were from Property Appraisers, Tyler Technologies and Vital Communications.

Montclair – George Librizzi, Tax Assessor stated the revaluation is moving ahead as scheduled. The new CAMA file has been set up by Vital. I met with Brian Schneider to go over the CAMA tables, discuss land value procedure and preliminary discussions on how the revaluation is to proceed in general. We are planning a public meeting for sometime in mid-March. Field Inspectors are in the process of getting their Police Id's.

2019

Nutley – Ed Brown, Tax Assessor stated tax maps updates are in progress. They are being conducted by Penni Associates Inc., the township engineer. The draft of the RFP has been compiled. Much discussion followed regarding the Roche site, pilot programs, Medical School, etc.

5. Municipal Revaluation Statistic of Revaluation Proposals for Bloomfield, Fairfield, Glen Ridge, Livingston, Roseland & Verona

Administrator Durkin stated after reviewing the ratio, general coefficient of deviation and years since the last revaluation for each municipality the following towns are due for a revaluation: Bloomfield, Fairfield, Glen Ridge, Livingston, Roseland and Verona. Much discussion was had regarding compliance plans, time frame for revaluations, tax maps, etc.

6. Approval of Overrides

Kenya Kourkoulis, Administrative Assistant stated that the following municipalities had overrides:

- Belleville – 2
- East Orange – 2
- Newark – 22
- Orange – 19
- South Orange – 4
- West Orange – 2

Discussion followed regarding why overrides are done, Assessor appeals, etc.

7. Update of Appeals

Kenya Kourkoulis, Administrative Assistant stated that as of today we have a total of 23 appeals.

Discussion followed regarding Tax Appeal hearings, adjournments, tax court, etc.

8. Update of Deeds

Ms. Kourkoulis stated that we have keyed in 9,661 deeds as of January 27, 2017 and that is approximately 1,400 more than this time last year.

9. Public Speakers

Discussion was had regarding Compliance plans, sale studies, Belleville's master deeds for condo's, etc.

10. New Business

No new business

11. Adjournment

With no further business, Commissioner Johnson made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m... Commissioner DeFuria seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Codey Durkin, Tax Administrator

JCD/pms