

****Lenovo Refresher Course after meeting at 10am - BRT (Assessors) ****
**** 2 APPRAISAL CREDITS****

ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION
BOARD MEETING
AGENDA

Thursday, January 10, 2019
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 18, 2018 Minutes
3. File 2019 Tax List
4. Status of Revaluations: 2019 Belleville, Glen Ridge & Verona
5. Update of Revaluations: 2020 Bloomfield, Fairfield, Livingston, 2021 Nutley & Roseland
6. Fairfield Revaluation Contract Review
7. Update of Deeds
8. Orange Tax Assessor
9. Public Speakers
10. New Business
11. Adjournment

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT

ABSENT

O'Brien, President

X

DeFuria

X

Grodman

X

Johnson

X

Linares

X

Matarazzo

X

Administrator Durkin

X

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

A meeting of the Essex County Board of Taxation was held on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 9:13 AM 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: Commissioners: DeFuria, Grodman, Johnson, Matarazzo and Tax Administrator Durkin.

2. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 18, 2018 MINUTES

Motion to approve the Minutes of December 18, 2018 made by Commissioner DeFuria, Seconded by Commissioner Grodman all in favor, motion passed.

3. FILE 2019 TAX LIST

The following cities/towns filed their 2019 Tax List: Bloomfield, Caldwell, Cedar Grove, East Orange, Essex Fells, Fairfield, Glen Ridge, Irvington, Livingston, Maplewood, Millburn, Montclair, Newark, North Caldwell, Nutley, Orange, Roseland, South Orange, West Caldwell and West Orange. Those towns seeking an extension for the 2019 Tax List filing are Belleville and Verona.

4. STATUS OF REVALUATIONS: 2019 BELLEVILLE, GLEN RIDGE & VERONA

Belleville Tax Assessor Kevin Esposito and Brian Schneider of PPA Revaluation Firm spoke on behalf of the progress of Belleville's Revaluation. A review of all commercial properties with an assessed value over \$600,000 are currently being performed by Mark Hendricks who is an independent Appraiser. All reviews and taxpayer hearings are to be complete by February 15, 2019.

A motion to extend the filing of Belleville's 2019 Tax List was made by Commissioner DeFuria, Seconded by Commissioner Grodman all in favor, motion passed.

Glen Ridge Tax Assessor George Librizzi stated Glen Ridge Revaluation is complete and the 2019 Tax List was filed today.

Verona Tax Assessor George Librizzi stated that all commercial property values are complete, residential values are to be mailed early next week after which taxpayer hearings will be held. Assessor Librizzi is asking for an extension until February 4, 2019 to file Verona's Tax List.

A motion to extend the filing of Verona's 2019 Tax List was made by Commissioner DeFuria, Seconded by Commissioner Matarazzo all in favor motion passed.

5. UPDATE OF REVALUATIONS: 2020 BLOOMFIELD, FAIRFIELD, LIVINGSTON, 2021 NUTLEY & ROSELAND

Bloomfield Tax Assessor Joseph Pisauro reported that the contract with Appraisal Systems is in Town Attorney review after which it will be forwarded to Appraisal Systems for signature. Tax Maps are in second review by the engineer and should be complete by the end of this month. Approximately 600 condominium units qualification codes must be changed to meet State standards. Commissioner Matarazzo asked if there were any plans for vacant buildings on Bloomfield Avenue and Tax Assessor Pisauro explained that 9 projects for redevelopment are being planned and they will all be subject to Long Term Tax Abatements.

Tax Administrator Durkin reported that Fairfield Tax Assessor Michael Leposky has been recovering from back surgery and that Fairfield's contract and addendum have been signed.

Livingston Tax Assessor Lidia Dumytsch reported that 3,500 inspections are complete, which is approximately 1/3 of the Town, and the revaluation process is on schedule. A meeting is scheduled later today with Lidia, Jason Cohen, Evelyn Laccitiello and Administrator Durkin to review the progress of the Revaluation.

Nutley Tax Assessor Edmund Brown reported that the RFP is complete and a resolution will be advertised for revaluation bids with a return date of February 15, 2019 at 11:00 AM. A contract will be awarded 60 days after the bids are received.

Roseland Tax Assessor Kevin Esposito reported that a few changes had to be made to the tax maps, the RFP is complete and he is waiting for a meeting with the new administration to discuss the revaluation. Advertising of the RFP will be in the next 60 days.

6. FAIRFIELD REVALUATION CONTRACT REVIEW

A motion to approve the Contract for Fairfield's Revaluation with Appraisal Systems was made by Commissioner Grodman, Seconded by Commissioner DeFuria all in favor, motion passed.

7. UPDATE OF DEEDS

As of December 31, 2018 8,897 deeds have been processed that is 185 more than reported at this time last year.

8. ORANGE TAX ASSESSOR

Orange Tax Assessor Aaron Wilson reported that today, January 10, 2019 was his last day as Tax Assessor for the City of Orange. Administrator Durkin reported

that a letter will be sent to all towns currently not under orders for a revaluation to advise them of a tentative year for those towns to be ordered. She will invite city/town officials to come before the board at its next meeting.

9. PUBLIC SPEAKERS

None

10. NEW BUSINESS

Tax Administrator Durkin reported that a seminar on Rolling Assessments will be held at the Boathouse (date to be determined) for Assessor and Lawyer credits.

New Computers for Assessors are in the process of being selected.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner DeFuria, Seconded by Commissioner Grodman all in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM

Respectfully Submitted
Joan Codey Durkin, Tax Administrator

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