

**ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION
BOARD MEETING
AGENDA
Thursday, March 3, 2016
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 February 2016 Minutes
3. Approval of December 18, 2015 Conference Call Minutes
4. Update of 2016 Preliminary Equalization Table
5. Approval of 2016 Final Equalization Table
6. Status of Revaluations: 2017 Caldwell, Essex Fells, Millburn, Maplewood & South Orange, 2018 Belleville & Montclair, 2019 Nutley
7. Update of Deeds
8. Update of Appeals /Hearing Schedules
9. Reminder: Appeal Deadline – April 1st
10. Public Speakers
11. New Business
12. Closed Session: (A) Belleville (B) Bloomfield
13. Adjournment

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT

ABSENT

O'BRIEN, PRESIDENT

X

DEFURIA

X

GRODMAN

X

JOHNSON

X (Arrived at 9:29)

LINARES

X

MATARAZZO

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, March 3, 2016 at 9:13 a.m. at its office located at 50 South Clinton Street, Suite 5200, East Orange, NJ.

1. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following members were present: President O'Brien, Commissioners Grodman, Linares, Matarazzo and Administrator Durkin. Commissioner Johnson arrived at 9:29 a.m. Commissioners DeFuria and Stewart were not present.

2. Approval of February 2016 Minutes

Commissioner Grodman made a motion to approve the minutes for February 2016 Board meeting. Commissioner Matarazzo seconded the motion. All were in favor.

3. Approval of December 18, 2015 Conference Call Minutes

Adjourned to next Board meeting on April 7, 2016.

4. Update of 2016 Preliminary Equalization Table

Administrator Durkin stated that the State approved the preliminary Equalization Table. No municipalities had any objections.

5. Approval of 2016 Final Equalization Table

Commissioner Linares made a motion to approve the 2016 Final Equalization Table. Commissioner Matarazzo seconded the motion and all were in favor.

6. Status of Revaluations: 2017 Caldwell, Essex Fells, Millburn, Maplewood & South Orange, 2018 Belleville & Montclair, 2019 Nutley

2017

Caldwell

George Librizzi, CTA stated that he was going to request conditional map approval. The maps are

under review now.

Essex Fells

Administrator read Reval Status Report received from Kevin Esposito, CTA.

Millburn

Lisa Barrato, CTA stated RFP has been completed and submission deadline is March 23, 2016. Will keep the Board updated.

Maplewood and South Orange

Ellen Malgieri, CTA stated that Maplewood and South Orange received four proposals and interviewed three firms so far. Looking to start process by middle of April.

2018

Belleville

No update

Montclair

George Librizzi, CTA stated that the tax maps are in Trenton. Working on resolution for Civil Solutions to do the maps.

2019

Nutley

Patrick Wilkins, CTA stated he has been working with the Township Engineer updating the maps, which only had a few changes.

7. Update of Deeds

Kenya Kourkoulis, Administrative Assistant stated 9,171 deeds have been processed up to February 27th. Discussion followed regarding new program processing the deeds.

8. Update of Appeals /Hearing Schedules

Ms. Kourkoulis stated that 321 appeals have been keyed into the system and 163 are tax court pending. The tax court hearings will be scheduled for April 7th the same day as the next Board meeting. In addition, hearings should start on April 18th.

9. Reminder: Appeal Deadline – April 1st

President O'Brien requested that all Commissioners inform Kenya their availability for the tax appeals hearings.

10. Public Speakers

No public speakers.

11. New Business

No new business

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Grodman to enter Executive Session at 9:29 a.m. for the purpose (A) Belleville Township (B) Bloomfield Township. Commissioner Matarazzo seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Commissioner Johnson arrived. A motion was made by Commissioner Grodman to exit Executive Session at 9:30 a.m. and return open session for the remainder of the meeting. Commissioner Linares seconded the motion.

13. Adjournment

With no further business, Commissioner Grodman made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 a.m. Commissioner Linares seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Codey Durkin, Tax Administrator

JCD/pms