

ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION
REORGANIZATION BOARD MEETING AGENDA*
FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2015

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. Reorganization
3. Approval of minutes for April 2015 Board Meeting
4. Approve Meeting Dates for the Coming Year
5. Motion to approve all appeals included Tax Court Pending, Affirmances, Stipulations and Withdrawals presented at meeting.
6. Appoint Camille Simeone OPRA custodian of records for the Tax Board
7. Update of Deeds
8. Update of number of Appeals
9. Request to the Division of Taxation for tax appeal hearing extension to July 31, 2015
10. Confirming Signature stamps acceptable on documents
11. New Business
12. Public Speakers
13. Adjournment

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT

ABSENT

O'BRIEN, PRESIDENT	X	
DEFURIA	X	
GRODMAN	X	
JOHNSON	X	
LINARES	X	
MATARAZZO	X ARRIVED 9:20am	
STEWART	X	
ADMIN. DURKIN	X	

Agenda can be amended at any time prior to meeting

A meeting of the Essex County Board of Taxation was held on Friday, May 1, 2015 at 9:15 a.m. at its office, 50 South Clinton Street, Suite 5200, East Orange, New Jersey.

1. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call the following members were present: President O'Brien, Commissioners DeFuria, Linares, Grodman, Johnson, Stewart and Administrator Durkin. Commissioner Matarazzo arrived at 9:20 a.m.

2. REORGANIZATION

Commissioner DeFuria made the motion to nominate Commissioner O'Brien to remain the President of the Tax Board. Commissioner Grodman seconded the motion. All were in favor. Commissioner O'Brien thanked all and stated "I will work hard to serve all."

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR APRIL 9, 2015 BOARD MEETING

Commissioner DeFuria made the motion to approve the Board minutes for April 2015. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Linares. All were in favor except for Commissioner Johnson who abstained; he was not present at the April 2015 Board meeting.

4. APPROVE MEETING DATES FOR THE COMING YEAR

President O'Brien requested a motion to approve the meeting dates for the coming year, stating "a change can be made with adequate notice". Commissioner Grodman made the motion to approve the meeting dates for the coming year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Johnson, all were in favor. Administrator Durkin stated no monthly meetings will be held in July or August 2015, unless there is an emergency.

5. MOTION TO APPROVE ALL APPEALS INCLUDING TAX COURT PENDING, AFFIRMANCES, STIPULATIONS AND WITHDRAWALS

A motion to approve all *appeals presented on* May 1, 2015 including Tax Court Pending, Affirmances, Withdrawals, & Stipulations was made by Commissioner Linares. Tom Small East Orange Assessor asked for a 10 day extension due to the fact some petitioners "still owed taxes". He stated "letters will go out and they will have 10 days to pay taxes. Commissioner Grodman stated "No objections". The motion was seconded by Commissioner DeFuria, all were in favor.

6. APPOINT CAMILLE SIMEONE OPRA CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS FOR THE TAX BOARD

A motion to appoint Camille Simeone the OPRA custodian of records was made by Commissioner Johnson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner DeFuria, all were in favor.

Commissioner O'Brien stated "Camille was doing a great job as OPRAH Custodian.

7. UPDATE OF DEEDS

Kenya Kourkoulis, Administrative Assistant stated that 9577 has been keyed in thru April 22, 2015; approx. 800 more deeds have been processed from this time last year.

8. UPDATE OF APPEALS

Kenya Kourkoulis, Administrative Assistant stated that the total number of appeals is 5,445. Total scheduled appeals to the end of May are 2,802. There are 2,643 appeals to be scheduled.

Commissioner DeFuria asked "is that same as last year"? Administrator Durkin stated there are 100 more appeals than last year.

9. REQUEST TO THE DIVISION OF TAXATION FOR TAX APPEAL HEARING EXTENSION TO JULY 31, 2015

Administrator Durkin stated we will be sending a letter to be forwarded to the State (Patricia Wright) requesting an extension to July 31, 2015. Discussion followed regarding clean up dates, and adjournment dates. Administrator Durkin stated last year we had to show proof of hearings which we will also submit again.

10. CONFIRMING SIGNATURE STAMPS ACCEPTABLE ON DOCUMENTS

President O'Brien asked for a motion to approve the use of Commissioner's signature stamps on documents. Commissioner Johnson made the motion to approve the signature stamps. The motion was seconded by Commissioner DeFuria, all were in favor.

11. NEW BUSINESS

Administrator Durkin stated the update of Caldwell and Essex Fells Revaluation was left off the agenda in error. Kevin Esposito (Essex Fells Tax Assessor) stated the status had not changed. Reval specs were prepared, date of publication should have happened in the month of April.

Administrator Durkin spoke to the Caldwell town attorney who stated they had received (2) Bids. At the next council meeting one of those bids were to be picked.

Administrator Durkin stated next month meeting she will have a report (normally done in Feb.)

as to upcoming revals for 2017,2018,2019,2020. 1st Millburn -not since 2002, 2nd Nutley, Montclair and Belleville -not since 2006-2007 3rd Maplewood, South Orange wants to try to do together due to the school systems.-not since 2012-2013.

12. PUBLIC SPEAKERS

No public speakers.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m. by a motion made by Commissioner Johnson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner DeFuria, all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted
Joan Codey Durkin, CTA
Essex County Tax Administrator

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