

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

**Thursday, November 6, 2014
9:00 a.m.**

THIS MEETING IS CALLED PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT, ADEQUATE NOTICE OF WHICH HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO THENEWARK STAR LEDGER, A LOCAL NEWSPAPER AND SUCH NOTICE HAVING BEEN POSTED IN THE ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION.

1. ROLL CALL
2. Approval of October 1, 2014 Minutes
3. Approval of Newark Tax Rate
4. Status of Deeds
5. Irvington Appealing 2015 Ratio
6. Revaluation Updates: Caldwell and Essex Fells
7. Application for Chapter 251 Compliance Plan: Bloomfield, Cedar Grove, South Orange & West Caldwell
8. Approval of 2014 Abstract of Ratables/Added Omitted Abstract
9. Added/Omitted Hearings – Monday, December 15, 2014
10. Assessors Christmas Luncheon – Tuesday, December 16, 2014
11. Public Speakers
12. New Business
13. Adjournment

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT

ABSENT

O'BRIEN, PRESIDENT

X

DEFURIA

X

GRODMAN

X

JOHNSON

X

LINARES

MATARAZZO

X

ADMN DURKIN

X

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

The November 6, 2014 meeting of the Essex County Board of Taxation was held at its office located at 50 South Clinton Street, Suite #5200, East Orange, NJ at 9:16 a.m.

1. ROLL CALL

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

2. Approval of October 1, 2014 Minutes

The minutes of the October 1, 2014 meeting were submitted to the Commissioners for their approval. Commissioner Grodman moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Commissioner Matarazzo. All were in favor.

3. Approval of Newark Tax Rate

Commissioner Matarazzo made the motion to approve the 2014 tax rate for the City of Newark. Commissioner Grodman seconded the motion. All were in favor.

4. Status of Deeds

Kenya Kourkoulis, Administrative Assistant reported that viewable deeds up to October 27th, 2014 were completed. A total of 4,458 have been keyed in which is around 100 more from this time last year.

5. Irvington Appealing 2015 Ratio

Irvington Tax Assessor Sylvia Forbes and Township Attorney Matthew O'Donnell, Esq. were present to answer any questions the Commissioners had, regarding the 2015 ratio appeal. Discussion followed regarding sales and usable sales. The Irvington Township representatives were confident that the appeal would be granted.

6. Revaluation Updates: Caldwell and Essex Fells

Caldwell

Joan Kozeniesky, Caldwell Tax Assessor stated that the tax maps had been sent to the Division of Taxation on July 14, 2014 by certified mail. No response from the State regarding their approval had yet been received. She also reported that tomorrow on November 6, 2014 at the Township meeting the Bid Specifications, the Revaluation Contract Specs, and the Revaluation Proposal Weighing Checklist will be on the agenda for approval by the Mayor and Council.

Essex Fells

Kenya Kourkoulis stated that Kevin Esposito, Essex Fells Tax Assessor had submitted a Revaluation Status update on November 3, 2014 which is in Commissioners folders for their review.

7. Application for Chapter 251 Compliance Plan: Bloomfield, Cedar Grove, South Orange & West Caldwell

The townships of Bloomfield, Cedar Grove, South Orange and West Caldwell are planning to do a compliance plan. Kenya Kourkoulis stated that if a municipality is planning on doing a compliance plan the application must be submitted by November 15, 2014. Bloomfield Tax Assessor Joe Pisauro and Richard Hamilton, Tax Assessor for Cedar Grove and West Caldwell, were present to answer any questions the Commissioners had. Responses were also provided by George Librizzi, Nutley Tax Assessor. Discussion followed regarding the benefits and work involved in the Compliance Plan process.

8. Approval of 2014 Abstract of Ratables/Added Omitted Abstract

A motion was made by Commissioner Matarazzo to approve the Added Omitted Abstract and pending final review and approval from the Auditor and State, the 2014 Abstract of Ratables. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Grodman. All were in favor.

9. Added Omitted Hearings – Monday, December 15, 2014

Kenya Kourkoulis stated that all Added Omitted hearings will be on Monday, December 15, 2014.

10. Assessors Christmas Luncheon – Tuesday, December 16, 2014

Joe Pisauro, CTA stated that Ellen Malgieri, South Orange Tax Assessor will email details regarding the Assessors Christmas luncheon at the Manor in West Orange.

11. Public Speakers

Nutley Tax Assessor George Librizzi stated just a reminder for the Assessors to look at the P/T 10 ratios before the tax listings are completed and public inspections notice are advertised in local newspaper.

12. New Business

There were no further questions or statements made by any attendees.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:36 by a motion made by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Matarazzo. All were in favor.

*Respectfully Submitted:
President Mary Devon O'Brien*

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