

**** Lenovo Training 10:30 a.m. – BRT (Assessors) ****

**ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION
BOARD MEETING**

AGENDA

Tuesday, October 1, 2013

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 September 5, 2013 Minutes
3. Accept AA/OA Books filed / Roll Call
4. Tax Rates to be Certified
5. Update from Irvington & Orange Revaluations
6. Update of Caldwell Assessor Vacancy
7. Approval of Appeals heard, signed stipulations, Assessors appeals and withdrawals from September 9th through September 26th
8. Status of Appeals
9. Status of Deeds
10. Public Speakers
11. New Business
12. Adjournment

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT

ABSENT

O'BRIEN, PRESIDENT

X

DEFURIA

X

JOHNSON

X

LINARES

X

MATARAZZO, JR

X

WILLIS

X

ADMIN. DURKIN

X

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

A meeting of the Essex County Board of Taxation was held on Tuesday, October 1, 2013 at 9:20 a.m. at its office located at 50 South Clinton Street, Suite 5200, East Orange, New Jersey.

1 *ROLL CALL.*

Upon roll call, the following Tax Board members were present
President O'Brien, Commissioners DeFuria, Linares, Matarazzo, Jr., Willis and
Administrator Durkin, Commissioner Johnson was not present.

2. *Approval of September 5, 2013 Minutes*

Commissioner Matarazzo moved that the September 5, 2013 minutes be approved and
was seconded by Commissioner DeFuria. Commissioner Linares abstained.
Commissioners O'Brien and Willis were in favor.

3. *Accept AA/OA Books filed / Roll Call*

Kenya Kourkoulis called the roll for each municipality as follows:

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| 1. Belleville | Complete pending signatures |
| 2. Bloomfield | Complete pending signatures |
| 3. Caldwell | Complete pending signatures (Admin. Durkin responded) |
| 4. Cedar Grove | Complete pending signatures |
| 5. East Orange | Complete – will be delivered tomorrow |
| 6. Essex Fells | Complete pending signatures |
| 7. Fairfield | Assessor not present |
| 8. Glen Ridge | Complete pending signatures |
| 9. Irvington | Complete pending signatures |
| 10. Livingston | Complete pending signatures |
| 11. Maplewood | Complete pending signatures |
| 12. Millburn | Complete pending signatures |
| 13. Montclair | Complete pending signatures |
| 14. Newark | Complete pending signatures |
| 15. North Caldwell | Complete pending signatures |
| 16. Nutley | Complete pending signatures |
| 17. Orange | Complete pending signatures |
| 18. Roseland | Complete pending signatures |
| 19. South Orange | Complete pending signatures |
| 20. Verona | Complete pending signatures |
| 21. West Caldwell | Complete pending signatures |
| 22. West Orange | Complete pending signatures |

4. Tax Rates to be Certified

Kenya Kourkoulis read into the minutes the completed tax rates since the September board meeting. They are as follows: East Orange, Essex Fells, Irvington, Newark and West Orange. Motion to approve the municipal tax rates listed was made by Commissioner Willis and was seconded by Commissioner DeFuria. All were in favor.

5. Update from Irvington and Orange Revaluations

Irvington

Sylvia Forbes, Irvington Tax Assessor stated that a letter was received from the State approving the maps. Discussion followed regarding public meeting, entering data into the system.

Administrator Durkin stated that on October 24, 2013 the Assessors of Irvington and Orange, herself and the representatives of the State of NJ, Division of Taxation would be having a meeting regarding the revaluations.

Orange

Matt Rinaldi, Orange Tax Assessor stated that Tyler Technologies submitted progress report regarding the revaluation. First batch of letters have been mailed to property owners and future meetings will be held. Discussion followed regarding returned notices and Chapter 91.

6. Update of Caldwell Assessor

Administrator Durkin stated a letter dated September 16, 2013 was sent to the Caldwell Mayor and Council regarding the retirement of Jack Kelly, Tax Assessor. A response letter was received dated September 19, 2013 from the Mayor stating a resolution was adopted by council to advertise for the position of Certified Tax Assessor for the Township of Caldwell. The Board will be updated with their progress.

7. Approval of Appeals heard, signed Stipulations, Assessors Appeals and Withdrawals from September 9th through September 26th

Motion to approve appeals heard, signed stipulations, assessor appeals and withdrawals from September 9th through September 26th was moved by Commissioner Willis and was seconded by Commissioner Matarazzo. All were in favor.

8. Status of Appeals

Kenya Kourkoulis stated three days left for hearings October 7th, 15th and 23rd and hearings will be complete.

9. Status of Deeds

Administrator Durkin stated the deed total as of the end of September is 2,768 deeds, which is an increase from this time last year.

10. Public Speakers

Discussion followed regarding the procedure of submitted evidence, seven days before scheduled first hearing date from Petitioner, Attorneys and Municipalities.

11. New Business

Discussion followed regarding tax rates and Ron Hack, State of New Jersey delivering new ratios to office today.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m. by a motion made by Commissioner Linares and was seconded by Commissioner Willis. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:
Joan Codey Durkin, CTA
Essex County Tax Administrator

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