

**ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION
BOARD MEETING**

AGENDA

Wednesday, October 1, 2014

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 4, 2014 Minutes
3. Accept AA/OA Books filed / Roll Call
4. Tax Rates to be Certified
5. Newark's Tax Rate / Re: Budget
6. Update of Revaluations for Caldwell and Essex Fells 2016
7. Status of Deeds
8. Jack Flood/Phase 6 mapping
9. Public Speakers
10. New Business
11. Adjournment

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT

ABSENT

O'BRIEN, PRESIDENT	X	
DEFURIA	X	
GRODMAN	X	
JOHNSON	X	
LINARES	X	
MATARAZZO, JR	X	
ADMIN. DURKIN	X	

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

The October 1, 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 9:13 a.m.,

1. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following members were present: President O'Brien, Commissioners DeFuria, Grodman, Linares and Matarazzo. Administrator Durkin arrived at 9:15 and Commissioner Johnson arrived at 9:18.

2. Approval of September 4, 2014 Minutes

The minutes of the September 4, 2014 meeting were submitted to the Commissioners for their approval. Commissioner Linares moved that the minutes be approved, seconded by Commissioner Matarazzo. All were in favor.

3. Accept AA/OA Books filed / Roll Call

The roll call for Added/Omitted books filed was called by Kenya Kourkoulis, Administrative Assistant, All municipalities books were filed with the exception of the City of Newark.

4. Tax Rates to be Certified

President O'Brien asked for motion to approve Belleville and Irvington's 2014 Tax rates. Commissioner Linares moved that the tax rates be approved, seconded by Commissioner Grodman. All were in favor.

5. Newark's Tax Rate / Re: Budget

Administrator Durkin stated that she attended a meeting regarding the City of Newark not having a 2014 budget. Discussion followed regarding the loss of revenue for the City and County with no tax rate.

6. Update of Revaluations for Caldwell and Essex Fells 2016

Caldwell

On September 30, 2014, Administrator Durkin received a memo regarding Caldwell Tax Maps (Memo in Commissioners folders) from Joan Kozeniesky, Tax Assessor. Tax maps submitted for approval to State on July 14, 2014. Still pending until notified otherwise.

Essex Fells

Memo received from Kevin Esposito, Tax Assessor dated September 30, 2014 regarding the tax maps and 2016 re-evaluation. Memo states that on September 16, 2014 Mr. Esposito appeared before the Mayor and Council to discuss the Tax Maps and Re-evaluation. The Governing Body in Essex Fells is still hoping to be able to take part of the County Map program. Reval bids specs are in the process of being prepared. Once completed, the Borough will go through the process, review proposals and award a reval contract.

Discussion followed regarding tax ratios, Page 8 formula and compliance plans.

7. Status of Deeds

Kenya Kourkoulis, Administrative Assistant stated that 3,242 deeds have completed, with an increase of 424 since this time last year.

8. Jack Flood / Phase 6 Mapping

Jack Flood, SPL/SHI went over Phase 6 – Digital tax map summary program. Explained pilot towns that expressed interest in program; Caldwell, Essex Fells, Glen Ridge, Irvington, Livingston, North Caldwell. Letters will be mailed to the “pilot towns” with the estimated cost to County and Municipality. Discussion followed regarding Resolutions, cost factor and time frame.

President O'Brien requested a motion to approve the writing of the Pilot Program Towns Resolutions. Commissioner Matarazzo moved the motion and Commissioner Linares, seconded the motion. All were in favor.

9. Public Speakers

Kenya Kourkoulis, Administrative Assistant stated that Added / Omitted hearings would all be held on Monday, December 15, 2014.

Joe Pisauro, Bloomfield Tax Assessor stated that the Annual Christmas Party is going to be at the Manor in West Orange on December 16, 2014 at 12 noon.

10. New Business

President O'Brien stated that Administrator Durkin and her family are in our thoughts and prayers.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:06 a.m. by a motion by Commissioner Johnson and was seconded by Commissioner DeFuria. All were in favor.

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

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