

**ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION
REORGANIZATION BOARD MEETING AGENDA
MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017**

10:30

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 2017 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. *Revaluations orders signed by State and certified receipts returned by the Towns of Bloomfield, Glen Ridge, Fairfield, Livingston and Verona*
7. *Status of Revaluations: 2018 Belleville & Montclair, 2019 Nutley*
8. *Status of Final Equalization Table*
9. *Update of Deeds*
10. *Update of Appeals*
11. *Confirming Signature stamps acceptable on documents*
12. *New Business*
13. *Public Speakers*
14. *Adjournment*

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT

ABSENT

<i>MATARAZZO PRESIDENT</i>	X	
<i>DEFURIA</i>	X	
<i>GRODMAN</i>	X	
<i>JOHNSON</i>	X	<i>Arrived at 10:50</i>
<i>LINARES</i>	X	
<i>O'BRIEN</i>	X	
<i>STEWART</i>	X	
<i>ADMIN. DURKIN</i>	X	

Agenda can be amended at any time prior to meeting

A meeting of the Essex County Board of Taxation was held on Monday, May 2, 2017 at 10:30 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 members were present: President Matarazzo, Commissioners DeFuria, Grodman, Linares, O'Brien, Stewart and Administrator Durkin. Commissioner Johnson arrived at 10:50 a.m.

2. Reorganization

Commissioner Linares nominated President Matarazzo for another term of being President of the Board for the year 2017-2018. Seconded by Commissioner DeFuria. All were in favor.

3. Approval of minutes for April 2017 Board Meeting

Commissioner O'Brien made the motion to approve the April 2017 Board minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Linares. All were in favor with Commissioner DeFuria abstaining.

4. Approve Meeting Dates for the Coming Year

Commissioner DeFuria made the motion to approve the meeting dates for the coming year. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Johnson. All were in favor.

5. Motion to approve all appeals included Tax Court Pending, Affirmances, Stipulations and Withdrawals presented at meeting.

Commissioner Johnson made the motion to approve all appeals including Tax Court Pending, Affirmances, Stipulations and Withdrawals. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Brien. All were in favor.

6. Revaluations orders signed by State and certified receipts returned by the Towns of Bloomfield, Glen Ridge, Fairfield, Livingston and Verona

Administrator Durkin stated that all the certified receipts for the Revaluation orders were returned.

**7. Status of Revaluations: 2018 Belleville & Montclair, 2019 Nutley
2018**

Belleville – *In attendance for the Township of Belleville were Kevin Esposito, Tax Assessor, Raymond Kimble, Mayor and Joseph Angelo, Assistant Township Attorney*

Kevin Esposito submitted a Revaluation Status update dated April 28, 2017 for the Boards review. The tax map contract was approved on March 28, 2017 and the firm is currently working to obtain the necessary master deeds required for the updates. He has contacted Timothy J Coyle and asked him to provide him with a status report and he stated that the work is progressing along and estimated that the completed updates will be sent to the Division of Taxation no later than June 8, 2017.

Much discussion was had regarding the 2015 order for the Township to do a Revaluation. Why the Township did not extend contract date, no response from letter sent to Township Manager, extension for revaluation to 2019, etc.

The Board requested that at the next Board meeting June 1, 2017 the Township Manager attend with an update regarding the RFP funding and tax maps.

Montclair - George Librizzi, CTA stated that 2000 residential and 300 commercial properties have been inspected. As the properties are being inspected digital photos of the front and back are being taken. Daytime, evening and Saturday appointments are available for residents that request them. The revaluation is moving forward.

2019

Nutley – Ed Brown, Tax Assessor stated he met with Pennoni Associates last week to discuss the status of the tax maps. I expected a discussion of final revisions but instead was surprised to learn that the engineers have fallen behind. The new project date of completion is June 16, 2017. Discussion followed regarding Tax maps, RFP, Medical school, Pilot Program, etc. The Board requested updates at the June 1, 2017 Board meeting.

8. Status of Final Equalization Table

Administrator Durkin stated that the State approved the Final Equalization Table.

9. Update of Deeds

Administrator Durkin stated that 1,700 more deeds have been processed since this time last year. On Wednesday we will be having a meeting with Dana Rone, Register regarding mistakes on the deeds.

10. Update of Appeals

Administrator Durkin stated that 3,226 appeals have been scheduled. All of May has been scheduled with clean up dates for June. The deadline for the Township of Millburn is Monday, May 15th. Discussion followed regarding requesting an extension from the State to complete the appeals to July 31, 2017, no adjournments, City of Newark computers being hacked, etc.

11. Confirming Signature stamps acceptable on documents

A motion was made by Commissioner O'Brien to approve the use of signature stamps of Commissioners for tax rates, etc. Commissioner Linares seconded the motion. All were in favor.

12. New Business

Commissioner O'Brien read the Resolution regarding Camille Simeone for her 18 years of service with the Tax Board.

13. Public Speakers

No public speakers.

14. Adjournment

With no further business, Commissioner Matarazzo made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 a.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Codey Durkin, Tax Administrator
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