

**ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION
BOARD MEETING**

AGENDA

**Thursday, September 8, 2016
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. Motion to approve June 2, 2016 minutes and June 30th. Conference call minutes, no July or August 2016 Board Meeting
3. 2016 President's Report
4. Tax Rates to be approved: Bloomfield, Caldwell, Cedar Grove, East Orange, Essex Fells, Fairfield, Glen Ridge, Irvington, Livingston, Maplewood, Millburn, Montclair, N. Caldwell, Roseland, S. Orange, Verona, W. Caldwell & W. Orange
5. Status of Reassessment: 2017 Maplewood and South Orange
6. Status of Revaluations: 2017 Caldwell, Essex Fells & Millburn, 2018 Belleville & Montclair, 2019 Nutley
7. Tax Assessors Tenure: Essex Fells, Glen Ridge, Newark
8. New Nutley Assessor
9. Verona Deputy Assessor
10. Status of Deeds; Closing of Previous Sampling Period
11. Status of Appeals
12. Public Speakers
13. New Business
14. Adjournment

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT

ABSENT

MATARAZZO, JR, PRESIDENT

X

DEFURIA

X

GRODMAN

X

JOHNSON

X (arrived at 9:21 a.m.)

LINARES

X

O'BRIEN

X

STEWART

X

ADMINISTRATOR DURKIN

X

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

A meeting of the Essex County Board of Taxation was held on Thursday, September 8, 2016 at 9:14 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 Board members were present: President Matarazzo, Commissioners Grodman, Linares, O'Brien, Stewart and Administrator Durkin. Commissioner Johnson arrived at 9:21a.m. Commissioner DeFuria was absent.

2. Motion to approve June 2, 2016 minutes and June 30th Conference call minutes, no July or August 2016 Board Meeting

Motion to approve minutes was held over until Commissioner Johnson arrived at meeting. Commissioner Grodman made the motion to approve the June 2, 2016 Board minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Johnson and approved. Commissioner Johnson made the motion to approve the June 30th conference call minutes. Commissioner Linares seconded the motion and it was approved.

3. 2016 President's Report

Commissioners reviewed report and Commissioner Grodman made motion to approve 2016 Presidents report. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Brien and was approved.

4. Tax Rates to be Approved: Bloomfield, Caldwell, Cedar Grove, East Orange, Essex Fells, Fairfield, Glen Ridge, Irvington, Livingston, Maplewood, Millburn, Montclair, N. Caldwell, Roseland, S. Orange, Verona, W. Caldwell and W. Orange

Commissioner Linares made the motion to approve the tax rates listed with the addition of Orange and Nutley after the Auditor's approval. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion. All were in favor.

5. Status of Reassessment: 2017 Maplewood and South Orange

Maplewood

Ed Galante, Tax Assessor stated reassessment on schedule.

South Orange

Administrator Durkin stated that Ellen Malgieri, Tax Assessor was not at the meeting today. However, update regarding the reassessment was in Commissioners folders. Administrator Durkin read report into the minutes. Jason Cohen, Project Manager stated both South Orange and Maplewood right on target as planned.

6. Status of Revaluations: 2017 Caldwell, Essex Fells & Millburn, 2018 Belleville & Montclair, 2019 Nutley

Commissioner Johnson arrived at the meeting – 9:21 a.m.

2017

Caldwell

George Librizzi, Tax Assessor stated that residential properties have been inspected, with second and third attempts to be completed by the weekend. The returned income and expense statements have been analyzed from the commercial appraiser. The neighborhood delineation is approximately 50% completed and lot sizing has been started into the CAMA system.

Essex Fells

Kevin Esposito, Tax Assessor stated delays with the maps have caused the entire process to be behind schedule. The missing deeds have been located and I forwarded them to Maser. Division is in the process of final review of tax maps.

Administrator Durkin stated that Essex Fells has very few line items and will be completed for 2017.

Millburn

Administrator Durkin read summary of program status into the minutes. Division approval was granted on May 17, 2016. Fieldwork continued in August. Approximately 25% of residential inspections are complete. Income requests were mailed in August. Sales analysis continued in August.

2018

Belleville

Kevin Esposito, Tax Assessor stated that he had met with the town manager and advised him of the pending revaluation order. They discussed the process in detail and I am awaiting his decision on the bonding and RFP process. Will keep you informed with the process.

Montclair

George Librizzi, Tax Assessor stated that the funding is in place for the revaluation. Two proposals for the revaluation have been received. The township will make a decision after evaluating the proposals. The tax maps mailed back by the State and corrections are in progress.

2019

Nutley

The Board welcomed Ed Brown, CTA as the Tax Assessor for the Township of Nutley. Administrator Durkin requested that Mr. Brown update the revaluation status at the next meeting.

7. Tax Assessors Tenure: Essex Fells, Glen Ridge, Newark

Essex Fells

Kevin Esposito, CTA stated he requested copy of signed resolution several times, has not received it.

Glen Ridge

George Librizzi, CTA stated he received copy from the Township.

Newark

Romal Bullock, CTA stated he was sworn in but has no signed copy of resolution.

8. New Nutley Assessor

Ed Brown, CTA new Nutley Tax Assessor stated he should receive his Resolution after Tuesday night meeting.

9. Verona Deputy Assessor

George Librizzi, Tax Assessor stated that Pam Priscoe is now the new Verona Deputy Assessor.

10. Status of Deeds

Kenya Kourkoulis, Administrative Assistant stated that 14,045 deeds were processed last sampling period that ended on June 30th. In the new sampling period we have keyed in 3,061 approximately, 1,000 more than this time last year.

11. Status of Appeals

Kenya Kourkoulis, Administrative Assistant stated that 3,830 appeals were filed and completed.

12. Public Speakers

No public speakers.

13. New Business

No new business

14. Adjournment

A motion was made at 9:39 by Commissioner Linares to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner O'Brien seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Joan Codey Durkin, CTA
Essex County Board of Taxation
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