

**ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION
BOARD MEETING**

AGENDA

Thursday, April 4, 2019

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 January 2019 & March 2019 minutes*
3. *Adopt 100 % Resolution*
4. *Approve 2019 Preliminary Equalization Table/Final Equalization Table*
5. *Update of Revaluations: 2020 Bloomfield, Fairfield, Livingston, 2021 Nutley & Roseland*
6. *Revaluation Orders Approved By State: 2021 North Caldwell, 2022 West Orange, 2024 Irvington*
7. *Status of Deeds*
8. *Status of Appeals*
9. *Procedures and Scheduling of Appeals*
10. *New Business*
11. *Adjournment*

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT

ABSENT

<i>O'BRIEN, PRESIDENT</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>DEFURIA</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>GRODMAN</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>JOHNSON</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>LINARES</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>MATARAZZO, JR.</i>	<i>X</i>	
<i>ADMIN. DURKIN</i>	<i>X</i>	

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

A meeting of the Essex County Board of Taxation was held on Thursday, April 04, 2019 at 9:19 AM at its office located at 50 South Clinton Street, East Orange, New Jersey.

1. ROLL CALL

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

2. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 2019 & MARCH 2019 MINUTES

A motion to approve the January 2019 minutes was made by Commissioner Grodman, seconded by Commissioner DeFuria, all in favor motion passed. A motion to approve the March 2019 minutes was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Matarazzo, Commissioner DeFuria abstained, the remaining Commissioners voted in favor, motion passed.

3. ADOPT 100% RESOLUTION

Commissioner Johnson read the resolution thereafter a motion to adopt the resolution was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Grodman, all in favor motion passed.

4. APPROVE 2019 PRELIMINARY EQUALIZATION TABLE/FINAL EQUALIZATION TABLE

A motion to approve the 2019 Preliminary Equalization Table/Final Equalization Table was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Matarazzo, all in favor motion passed.

5. UPDATE OF REVALUATIONS: 2020 BLOOMFIELD, FAIRFIELD, LIVINGSTON & 2021 NUTLEY AND ROSELAND

Bloomfield Tax Assessor Joseph Pisauro was not present at the meeting. Administrator Durkin read from his report. Bloomfield has received a signed contract from the Director of the Division of Taxation. There was an informational meeting with the public on March 23rd that was well attended. There are 4 more meetings scheduled: two on April 4th and meetings on April 6th and April 9th. Fieldwork started on March 23rd. Chapter 91 forms have been reviewed and will be mailed in the near future.

Fairfield Tax Assessor Mike Leposky was not present at the meeting. Administrator Durkin read from his report. Fairfield has received State approval of the contract. Introductory letters have been mailed and inspections are in progress.

Livingston Tax Assessor Lidia Dumytsch reported that inspections are in progress and Chapter 91's were mailed and are being returned. Sales are being reviewed.

Nutley Tax Assessor Ed Brown was not present at the meeting. Administrator Durkin read from his report. Nutley is in the process of interviewing the bidders and a contract will be

awarded this month. Administrator is concerned about the timeline for the revaluation. Nutley was supposed to award a contract in March, mail notices in April and start inspections in June. Her concern is with the tax map approval that could expire if the process is delayed.

Roseland Tax Assessor Kevin Esposito reported that the meeting scheduled for April 5th to discuss the RFP with the Municipal Council was postponed until April 23rd. He feels the schedule for the revaluation will be on time.

6. REVALUATION ORDERS APPROVED BY STATE: 2021 NORTH CALDWELL, 2022 WEST ORANGE, 2024 IRVINGTON

North Caldwell Tax Assessor George Librizzi reported that the tax maps are to be updated, the specks for the RFP are done and funding should be timely.

West Orange Tax Assessor Kevin Dillon reported that his tax maps are kept up by Civil Solutions who will call the State to find out when all corrections should be completed. West Orange is asking for a delay of one year to 2023 that will be discussed at a future meeting. West Orange is undergoing a large amount of development that he would like to see incorporated in the revaluation.

7. STATUS OF DEEDS

As of March 16th, 12,577 deeds have been keyed into the system. That is 40 more than at the same time last year. Priority has been given to the entry of tax appeals after which the deed process will restart.

8. STATUS OF APPEALS

2,145 appeals have been entered as of April 3rd. There are still more to be entered into the system. May 1st is the filing date for the three revalued towns. Administrator Durkin has submitted a letter to the Division of Taxation seeking an extension for the time of completion of tax appeals due to the revalued towns and the shortage of staff.

9. PROCEDURES AND SCHEDULING OF APPEALS

President O'Brien asked that all Commissioners turn in their availability dates to the office as soon as possible. Hearings on tax appeals will begin on May 6th and continue until completion.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Administrator Durkin introduced Christopher Murray as the new Tax Assessor for the City of Orange. President O'Brien extended congratulations on behalf of the Tax Board.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 10:43 made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner DeFuria, all in favor motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted
Joan Codey Durkin, Tax Administrator

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