

ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION
BOARD MEETING
AGENDA
Thursday, March 12, 2015
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 2015 Minutes (No February Meeting)
3. Date Tax List Filed For Extension Town: Newark
4. Irvington Ratio Update
5. Update Of 2015 Preliminary Equalization Table
6. Approval of Overrides
7. Update of Deeds
8. Update of Appeals /Hearing Schedules
9. Status of Caldwell and Essex Fells Revaluation for 2016
10. Reminder: Appeal Deadline – April 1st
11. Public Speakers
12. New Business
13. Adjournment

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT

ABSENT

O'BRIEN, PRESIDENT

X

DEFURIA

X

GRODMAN

X

JOHNSON

X

LINARES

X

MATARAZZO

X

STEWART

X

ADMIN. DURKIN

X

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

A meeting of the Essex County Board of Taxation was held on Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 9:05 a.m. at its office, 50 South Clinton Street, Suite 5200, East Orange, NJ.

1. ROLL CALL

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

President O'Brien stated that Administrator Durkin was in everyone's thoughts and well wishes are sent her way for her recovery.

2. Approval of January 2015 Minutes (No February Meeting)

President O'Brien asked for a motion to approve the January 2015 Minutes. Commissioner Stewart made the motion and Matarazzo seconded the motion. All were in favor, with Commissioner DeFuria abstaining.

3. Date Tax List Filed for Extension Town: Newark

Kenya Kourkoulis, Administrative Assistant stated the City of Newark filed their books on February 6, 2015.

4. Irvington Ratio Update

Kenya Kourkoulis, Administrative Assistant stated that Irvington received a Judgment revising ratio from 81.05% to 85.89%.

5. Update of 2015 Preliminary Equalization Table

Kenya Kourkoulis, Administrative Assistant stated that an error was found in the Preliminary Equalization Table in the Township of Bloomfield. It was corrected and waiting for Auditor to review.

President O'Brien requested a motion to approve the Preliminary Equalization Table pending review and approval of Auditor.

Commissioner Grodman made the motion to approve the 2015 Preliminary Equalization table pending review and approval of Auditor. Commissioner DeFuria seconded the motion. All were in favor.

6. Approval of Overrides

There were 36 overrides for 2015, Belleville-3, Bloomfield-11, Essex Fells-2, Fairfield-2, Irvington-1, Livingston-2, Millburn-2, Montclair-3, Newark-3, Orange-3, South Orange-1, Verona- 1 and West Orange-2. Discussion followed regarding the criteria of overrides.

7. Update of Deeds

Kenya Kourkoulis, Administrative Assistant informed the Board as of Tuesday, March 10, 2015, 8,078 deeds have been keyed. That is an increase of 184 from this time last year.

8. Update of Appeals / Hearing Schedules

Kenya Kourkoulis, Administrative Assistant stated that 337 appeals are in the system. 130 are marked Tax Court Pending, which will be scheduled for judgment on the next board meeting, April 9, 2015. Discussion followed regarding appeal scheduling.

President O'Brien requested that the Commissioners inform Kenya of their availability for tax appeal hearings.

9. Status of Caldwell and Essex Fells Revaluation for 2016

CALDWELL

Joan Kozeniesky, Tax Assessor in Caldwell faxed an update regarding a copy of the notice to bidders for the Revaluation, with a deadline of Tuesday, March 31, 2015.

ESSEX FELLS

Kevin Esposito, Tax Assessor faxed an update regarding the advertising for proposal for the Revaluation with the return date in April.

10. Reminder: Appeal Deadline – April 1st

President O'Brien stated just a reminder April 1, 2015 deadline for all appeals.

11. Public Speakers

Joe Pisauro, Assessor for Bloomfield suggested that the Board salute the flag in the opening of the Board meeting. Discussion followed and the Board will review the legal aspect.

12. New Business

No new business

13. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am on a motion made by Commissioner DeFuria and seconded by Commissioner Grodman. All were in favor.

*Respectfully Submitted,
President Mary Devon O'Brien*

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