

**ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION
BOARD MEETING
AGENDA**

**Thursday, March 2, 2017
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 February 2017 Minutes
3. Update of 2017 Preliminary Equalization Table
4. Status of Revaluations: 2017 Essex Fells, Millburn, 2018 Belleville & Montclair, 2019 Nutley
5. Revaluation Orders: Bloomfield, Fairfield, Glen Ridge, Livingston, Roseland & Verona
6. Update of Deeds
7. Update of Appeals /Hearing Schedules
8. Reminder: Appeal Deadline – April 3rd (April 1st falls on Saturday), Reval/Reassessment Towns – May 1st
9. Public Speakers
10. New Business
11. Adjournment

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT

ABSENT

MATARAZZO, PRESIDENT

X

DEFURIA

X

GRODMAN

X

JOHNSON

X

LINARES

X

O'BRIEN

X

STEWART

X

ADMIN. DURKIN

X

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

A meeting of the Essex County Board of Taxation was held on Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at its office located at 50 South Clinton Street, Suite 5200, East Orange, New Jersey 07018.

1. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following members were present: Commissioners Grodman, Linares, O'Brien, Stewart and Administrator Durkin. President Matarazzo arrived at 9:03 a.m. and Commissioner Johnson arrived at 9:20 a.m. Commissioner DeFuria was not present.

Administrator Durkin announced that Debbie Orsato, with the NJ Division of Taxation was in attendance.

2. Approval of February 2017 Minutes

Commissioner Grodman made the motion to approve the February 2017 Board minutes. Commissioner Linares seconded the motion. All were in favor.

3. Update of 2017 Preliminary Equalization Table

Kenya Kourkoulis, Administrative Assistant stated that the 2017 Preliminary Equalization Table could not be completed until all municipalities file their tax listings.

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

2017

Essex Fells – Kevin Esposito, Tax Assessor stated that tax listings should arrive today or tomorrow from Vital.

Millburn – Lisa Barratto, Tax Assessor, Jason Cohen, Project Manager for ASI and Anthony Marchese, Esq., Chiesa, Shahinian & Giantomasi on behalf of the Township of Millburn.

New Jersey Division of Taxation – Ms. Debbie Orsato

Anthony Marchese, Esq. stated that the Township would like to request an extension to file their Tax Listings until March 31, 2017.

Much discussion was had with regarding the deadline for the tax listings, the tax appeal filing deadline, Short Hills Mall value, if at all any impact on the 2017 Equalization Table, etc.

Commissioner O'Brien made the motion to grant the extension requested by the Township of Millburn. Commissioner Matarazzo seconded the motion. All were in favor.

2018

Belleville – Kevin Esposito, Tax Assessor stated that the cost to complete the updates has increased due to the search requirements necessary in order to obtain the missing master deeds.

Discussion followed regarding having the funds in place for the Revaluation, RFP's received, time frame to complete the ordered Revaluation, etc.

Administrator Durkin stated that Mayor, Council and Township Manager would be asked to attend April's Board meeting.

Montclair – George Librizzi, Tax Assessor stated that informal letters were mailed out to the property owners. The cost tables in the CAMA system and the preliminary neighborhoods have been set. Public meeting will be March 8th at 7:00 p.m. and social media is being used to update the property owners regarding the revaluation.

2019

Nutley – Ed Brown, Tax Assessor stated the tax map updates are still in progress and planning to be complete by April. Have been working on RFP draft.

9:20 a.m. Commissioner Johnson arrived at the meeting.

5. Revaluation Orders: Bloomfield, Fairfield, Glen Ridge, Livingston, Roseland & Verona

Administrator Durkin requested a motion for the following Municipalities to be ordered by Resolution for a Municipal-Wide Revaluation.

Commissioner O'Brien made the motion to approve the Revaluation Orders for the following municipalities. Commissioner Matarazzo seconded the motion. All were in favor, with the exception of Commissioner Linares who abstained to move the motion for Township of Bloomfield.

6. Update of Deeds

Kenya Kourkoulis, Administrative Assistant stated that we have keyed 10,585 deeds as of February 15, 2017 and that is approximately 1,400 more than this time last year.

7. Update of Appeals /Hearing Schedules

Ms. Kourkoulis stated that 100 appeals have been entered into the system. Discussion was had regarding hearings, Commissioner Schedules, etc.

8. Reminder: Appeal Deadline – April 3rd (April 1st falls on Saturday), Revel/Reassessment Towns – May 1st

Discussion was had regarding the deadline for the tax appeals that are having Revaluation/Reassessments for 2017. With the main concern being the Township of Millburn.

9. Public Speakers

Administrator Durkin stated that the Board meeting minutes have to be posted on the website after 30 days. Discussion followed regarding the MOD IV tape, minutes, new information regarding vets on the portal.

10. New Business

No new business

11. Adjournment

With no further business, Commissioner Matarazzo made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 a.m. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Codey Durkin, Tax Administrator

JCD/pms