

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

**Thursday, November 7, 2013
9:00 a.m.**

THIS MEETING IS CALLED PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ACT, ADEQUATE NOTICE OF WHICH HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO THENEWARK STAR LEDGER, A LOCAL NEWSPAPER AND SUCH NOTICE HAVING BEEN POSTED IN THE ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION.

1. ROLL CALL
2. Approval of October 1, 2013 Minutes
3. Approval of Judgments rendered in October
4. Status of Appeals
5. Status of Deeds
6. 2013 President's Report
7. Caldwell Assessor Update
8. Reassessment/Revaluation updates: Irvington and Orange
9. Application for Chapter 251 Compliance Plan: Bloomfield, Cedar Grove, Montclair, Nutley Verona & West Caldwell
10. Approval of 2013 Abstract of Ratables/ Added Omitted Abstract
11. Added / Omitted hearings – Monday, December 16, 2013
12. Assessors Christmas Luncheon Tuesday, December 17, 2013
13. Public Speakers
14. New Business
15. Adjournment

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT

ABSENT

O'BRIEN, PRESIDENT

X

DEFURIA

X

JOHNSON

X

LINARES

X

MATARAZZO

X

WILLIS

X

ADMN DURKIN

X

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

A meeting of the Essex County Board of Taxation was held on Thursday, November 7, 2013 at 9:20 a.m. at its offices, 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, Johnson, Linares, Matarazzo, Willis and Administrator Durkin.

2. Approval of October 1, 2013 Minutes

Commissioner Willis moved that the October 1, 2013 minutes be approved. Commissioner Linares seconded the motion. All were in favor, except Commissioner Johnson who abstained.

3. Approval of Judgments rendered in October

Commissioner Johnson motioned to approve the judgments rendered in October and Commissioner Matarazzo seconded the motion. All were in favor.

4. Status of Appeals

Kenya Kourkoulis stated that 9,917 appeals for the year 2013 have been completed. So far for the Added/Omitted appeals there are a total of 13 and 10 are Assessor appeals. The deadline for this year will be Monday, December 2nd for the Added/Omitted appeals.

5. Status of Deeds

Administrator Durkin stated an increase of 700 in the number of transactions compared to this time last year. Hopeful sign that the market is picking up.

6. President's Report

Kenya Kourkoulis stated that the President's report will be submitted to the State today after President O'Brien signs it.

7. Caldwell Assessor Update

Administrator Durkin stated that Joan Kozeniesky will be the new Tax Assessor for the Township of Caldwell. Joan stated that she will be appointed tonight at the Council meeting.

8. Reassessment Revaluation updates: Irvington and Orange

Irvington

Sylvia Forbes, Tax Assessor stated that the data entry is completed, initial mailings and first public meeting were held at the Town Hall on September 25. Administrator Durkin requested that Ms. Forbes inform the Board of the completion date of the revaluation and Ms. Forbes stated March. Discussion followed.

Orange

Matt Rinaldi, Tax Assessor stated that the revaluation is moving along on time. The latest he thinks for the books to be filed would be end of January, first week of February. Another meeting with the State is on December 16th.

9. Application for Chapter 251 Compliance Plan: Bloomfield, Cedar Grove, Montclair, Nutley, Verona and West Caldwell

Bloomfield - Joe Pisauro, Tax Assessor stated that he is working on his study and will submit to Administrator Durkin before November 15, and then review with her.

Cedar Grove – Richard Hamilton, Tax Assessor stated he is working on his study and main concern is condominium complex. Discussion followed.

Montclair – Joan Kozeniesky, Tax Assessor stated that she is also working on her study. Joe, Rich and George have been very helpful and she will complete the study before November 15th.

Nutley – George Librizzi, Tax Assessor stated that he is also working on his study and his main concern is Hoffman La Roche leaving the township of Nutley. Discussion followed regarding usage for the Hoffman La Roche site and older condos.

Verona – George Librizzi, Tax Assessor stated that in Verona one of his concerns is the Claridge #1 building with the condition of some units, mold, etc. Discussion followed regarding sales, and Claridge #2 building as well.

West Caldwell – Richard Hamilton, Tax Assessor working on study. Discussion followed regarding the recent sale of office condo and vacant land in the municipality.

Administrator Durkin stated that municipalities have up to November 15 to submit their paperwork. I will meet with each assessor the first week of December and we will go over his or her Compliance Plan.

10. Approval of 2013 Abstract of Ratables / Added Omitted Abstract

Kenya Kourkoulis stated due to the City of Newark's SIDS (Special Improvement District) the abstract is not complete. Administrator Durkin requested a motion to approve the 2013 Abstract of Ratables after review from the State and Joseph Faccone, Auditor. Commissioner Willis made the motion to approve the 2013 Abstract of Ratable after the review and approval from the State and the Joseph Faccone, Auditor. Commissioner DeFuria seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Kenya Kourkoulis stated the Abstract of Added/Omitted Assessments is complete. President O'Brien requested a motion to approve the 2013 Abstract of Added/Omitted Assessments. Commissioner Johnson made the first motion and Commissioner Matarazzo seconded the motion. All were in favor.

11. Added/Omitted hearings – Monday, December 16, 2013

Administrator Durkin stated hearings would be the same day of the Board meeting, December 16, 2013.

12. Assessors Christmas Luncheon Tuesday, December 17, 2013

Administrator Durkin stated that the Christmas party would be December 17, 2013 at the Manor.

13. Public Speakers

Commissioner Willis thanked everyone for their well wishes and those that attended her retirement party.

14. New Business

Romal Bullock, City of Newark Tax Assessor stated he had some concerns with the Page 8 formula regarding the 2014 Newark ratio. Much discussion followed.

Administrator Durkin stated that a recent tax court decision from Julian Gorelli, AG and copy of letter to the Governor regarding shared services from the Association of Municipal Assessors were in the Commissioners folders for their information.

15. Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 am on a motion made by Commissioner Willis and was seconded by Commissioner Matarazzo. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted:
Joan Codey Durkin, CTA
Essex County Tax Administrator

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