

ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION
BOARD MEETING
AGENDA
Thursday, November 1, 2018
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 July 31, 2018 Conference Call Minutes, September 6, 2018 Minutes & October 1, 2018 Minutes
3. Status of Deeds
4. Update of Added/Omitted Appeals
5. 2018 Abstract of Ratables and Added Omitted Abstract
6. Newark Tax Assessor Update
7. Appealing 2019 Ratio: Cedar Grove, East Orange, Newark, Roseland and West Caldwell
8. Status of Revaluations: 2019 Belleville, 2021 Nutley
9. Update of Revaluations: 2019 Glen Ridge & Verona, 2020 Bloomfield, Fairfield and Roseland
10. Livingston Revaluation Contract signed – Update of Revaluation for 2020
11. Application for Chapter 251 Compliance Plan: Orange
12. Board Meeting Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 9:00 am & Added/Omitted Hearings at 10:00 am
13. Assessors Christmas Luncheon Friday, December 14, 2018
14. Public Speakers
15. New Business
16. Adjournment

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT

ABSENT

O'BRIEN, PRESIDENT

X

DEFURIA

X

GRODMAN

X

JOHNSON

X

LINARES

X

MATARAZZO

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 1, 2018 at 9:20 AM at its office located at 50 South Clinton Street, Suite 5200, East Orange, New Jersey.

1. ROLL CALL

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

2. Approval of July 31, 2018 Conference call minutes, September 6, 2018 Minutes and October 1, 2018 Minutes.

Approval of July 31, 2018 Conference call minutes put on hold until December meeting. September 6, 2018 minutes motion to accept made by Commissioner Grodman, Seconded by Commissioner Matarazzo motion passed. Minutes for October 1, 2018 put on hold until December meeting.

3. Status of Deeds

As of October 29, 2018, 5,983 deeds have been processed 147 more than last year at this time. County Tax Board is up to date waiting for Registers Office to process deeds.

4. Update of Added/Omitted Appeals

Today is the first day the County Board will be accepting Added/Omitted Appeals. One was received by mail thus far.

5. 2018 Abstract of Ratables and Added Omitted Abstract

Once final corrections are made to the 2018 Abstract of Ratables, a motion to accept was made by Commissioner Matarazzo, seconded by Commissioner Grodman, motion passed. Motion made by Commissioner Johnson and Seconded by Commissioner Matarazzo to accept Added/Omitted Abstract, motion passed.

6. Newark Tax Assessor Update

Aaron Wilson was introduced as the new Tax Assessor for the City of Newark. Aaron stated that he is going to challenge the ratio for the City of Newark. He is comfortable in Newark and has a good system going. He reported that a \$9,200,000 bond is in place for refund of Tax Court Appeals.

7. Appealing 2019 Ratio: Cedar Grove, East Orange, Newark, Roseland and West Caldwell

The County Tax Board has not received paperwork appealing the ratio from all above towns with the exception of Roseland. The deadline to file the appeal is November 15, 2018. Cedar Grove has one challenge of a class 4C property and West Caldwell has one challenge of a class 4C property as reported by Assessor Richard Hamilton. Roseland has filed all paperwork for the appeal with the State.

8. Status of Revaluations: 2019 Belleville, 2021 Nutley

Belleville Tax Assessor Kevin Esposito reported the revaluation is on schedule and all properties have been inspected. Class 4 review should take place this month and hearings at Town Hall should start in late December.

Nutley Tax Assessor Edmund Brown reported they should have an RFP by the beginning of the New Year. Administrator Durkin stressed how important it is to advertise the RFP in January 2019 to avoid problems. Nutley's Tax Maps have been approved and the revaluation company should be in the field by the spring of 2019.

9. Update of Revaluations: 2019 Glen Ridge & Verona, 2020 Bloomfield, Fairfield and Roseland

Administrator Durkin read the report submitted for Glen Ridge by Tax Assessor Librizzi as follows: all residential, commercial and improved exempt inspections are complete. All third attempt letters have been sent out and all appointments are completed. The preliminary land values are set. The improvement valuing process has started including recent sales analysis.

In Verona, all residential, commercial and improved exempt initial inspections are complete. All third attempt letters have been sent and all appointments are complete. New VCS's have been created township-wide. The valuation process has started including sales analysis.

Bloomfield Tax Assessor Joseph Pisauro reported map changes must be made and resubmitted to the State. Contract is on Municipal Council agenda for November 19th and will be voted on at the December Council meeting. The revaluation is currently behind schedule.

Fairfield Tax Assessor Michael Leposky is currently on sick leave, Administrator Durkin read his report as submitted. The revaluation contract was scheduled to go before the Mayor and Council on October 29, 2018 and the revaluation was expected to commence shortly thereafter. Administrator Durkin is in touch with the Fairfield Assessor's Office and will continue to do so until Mr. Leposky's return.

Roseland Tax Assessor Kevin Esposito reported that Tax Map revisions are to be submitted to the State after the New Year. The RFP is completed and it is to be advertised after the New Year. Roseland has 2,100 line items with an additional new development of approximately 300 units planned.

10. Livingston Revaluation Contract signed- Update of Revaluation for 2020.

Tax Assessor Lidia Dumytsch and ASI Vice President Jason Cohen gave a report on issues with the Livingston Revaluation. Letters were sent out from the revaluation company informing residents of the upcoming revaluation of all property in Livingston. The Township Attorney objected to the timing of the letters and has forbidden inspections to begin until further notice from the town attorney or town manager. Administrator Durkin will schedule a meeting with the Business Administrator to discuss the matter.

11. Application for Chapter 251 Compliance Plan: Orange

Aaron Wilson discussed the submission for the Compliance Plan and stressed the commercial properties along the Main Street corridor along with other commercial properties that are included in the plan. Commissioner Matarazzo asked if Chapter 91's had been sent out and Aaron said they were sent out mid-year.

12. Board Meeting Tuesday December 18, 2018 at 9:00 AM & Added/Omitted Hearings at 10:00 AM

The Added/Omitted Appeals will be heard by the full board on 12/18/18.

13. Assessor's Christmas Luncheon Friday, December 14, 2018

Jim Gibbs, former Tax Assessor of Irvington, delivered the flyers for the 2018 Christmas Party.

14. Public Speakers

Joe Pisauro, Treasurer of the Essex County Assessor's Association, urged all Assessors to pay their dues.

15. New Business

Administrator Durkin is hosting a meeting for a demonstration of new hand held computers for all Assessors in Essex County.

16. Adjournment

A Motion was made by Commissioner Johnson to adjourn the meeting Seconded by Commissioner Matarazzo, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:10

Respectfully Submitted
Joan Codey Durkin, Tax Administrator