

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

**Monday, October 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 September 6, 2018 Minutes, June 29th & July 31st Conference Call Minutes
3. Accept AA/OA Books filed / Roll Call
4. Tax Rates to be Certified: Irvington, Newark , Nutley & Orange
5. Update 2018 Abstract of Ratables & Added Omitted Abstract
6. Status of Revaluations: 2019 Belleville, 2021 Nutley
7. Update Regarding Revaluations: 2019 Glen Ridge & Verona, 2020 Bloomfield, Fairfield, Livingston & Roseland
8. Review of Livingston Revaluation Contract
9. Roseland Revaluation Resolution
10. Status of Deeds
11. Update Newark Assessor
12. NJ League of Municipalities
13. Public Speakers
14. New Business
15. Adjournment

| <u>COMMISSIONERS</u> | <u>PRESENT</u> | <u>ABSENT</u> |
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| O'BRIEN, PRESIDENT | X | |
| DEFURIA | X | |
| GRODMAN | X | |
| JOHNSON | X | |
| LINARES | X | |
| MATARAZZO | | X |
| ADMIN. DURKIN | X | |

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

A meeting of the Essex County Board of Taxation was held on Monday, October 1, 2018 at 10:08 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 DeFuria, Grodman, Johnson (arrived at 10:30 am), Linares and Tax Administrator Durkin.

2. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 6, 2018 MINUTES, JUNE 29TH AND July 31ST CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of June 29th 2018 was made by Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner DeFuria, all in favor motion passed. The minutes for September 6, 2018 meeting and July 31st conference call will be voted on at the November meeting.

3. ACCEPT AA/OA BOOKS FILED / ROLL CALL

Towns filing Added/Omitted Books were as follows: Bloomfield, Caldwell, Cedar Grove, East Orange, Essex Fells, Fairfield, Glen Ridge, Livingston, Millburn, Montclair, North Caldwell, Nutley, Orange, Roseland, South Orange, Verona, West Caldwell and West Orange. Belleville, Irvington and Newark are expected to file later today.

4. TAX RATES TO BE CERTIFIED: IRVINGTON, NEWARK, NUTLEY & ORANGE

Motion to approve Tax Rates was made by Commissioner Linares, seconded by Commissioner DeFuria, all in favor motion passed.

5. UPDATE 2018 ABSTRACT OF RATABLES & ADDED OMITTED ABSTRACT

Abstract to be submitted at the November 2018 meeting along with SIDS Districts

6. STATUS OF REVALUATIONS: 2019 BELLEVILLE, 2021 NUTLEY

Belleville Assessor Kevin Esposito said that PPA has inspected most properties, Chapter 91's have been received and the revaluation is going along in a timely manner.

Nutley Assessor Edmund Brown reported basically the same progress as the previous month.

7. UPDATE REGARDING REVALUATIONS: 2019 GLEN RIDGE & VERONA, 2020 BLOOMFIELD, FAIRFIELD, LIVINGSTON & ROSELAND

Assessor George Librizzi reported that Glen Ridge and Verona are on schedule.

Assessor Joseph Pisauro reported that two bids for the revaluation of Bloomfield were received from ASI and PPA, both companies have been interviewed. ASI is to interview for a second time. There is a slight problem with the tax maps submitted to the State, funding is in place for the contract and the Township will make a decision as to the awarding of a contract shortly. Administrator Durkin urged that a decision be made as quickly as possible so Trenton can move the tax map approval along.

Assessor Michael Leposky of Fairfield was not present and Administrator Durkin reported that the Clerk of Fairfield and Kim of the Fairfield Assessor's Office have been very helpful during the illness of Mr. Leposky regarding the revaluation. One bid from ASI has been received and the contract is expected to be awarded on October 29th pending approval by the Township attorney.

Assessor Lidia Dumytsch of Livingston was not present and Administrator Durkin reported that an Addendum to the Contract for ASI was requested by the State, the changes were made and Administrator Durkin is to get back to the State Division by tomorrow.

Assessor Kevin Esposito of Roseland stated that they are working on the Tax Maps and that the Municipal Council has requested an extension for revaluation be made from 2020 to 2021.

8. REVIEW OF LIVINGSTON REVALUATION CONTRACT

After review of Livingston Revaluation Contract a motion was made by Commissioner DeFuria to approve the contract, seconded by Commissioner Linares, all in favor motion passed.

9. Roseland Revaluation Resolution

A motion was made to revise the Revaluation Resolution date for Roseland from 2020 to 2021. Motion made by Commissioner Grodman, seconded by Commissioner Linares, all in favor motion passed.

10. STATUS OF DEEDS

Kenya Kourkoulis reported that as of 9/25/18, 4,339 deeds have been processed which is 21 less than last year at this time. We are up to date and awaiting deeds from the Register's Office

11. UPDATE ON NEWARK ASSESSOR

Administrator Durkin reported there is no news from the BA or CFO of Newark with regard to the hiring of a new Assessor. Administrator Durkin told the CFO to continue advertising and has been in contact with the Deputy Director Patty Wright. Commissioner DeFuria suggested that Newark should hire a search firm. President O'Brien asked if there was anything, the Tax Board could do to help with the search. Administrator Durkin also stressed that there is not enough qualified staff in the Newark Office as she will meet with the BA and CFO.

12. NJ LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES

Kenya Kourkoulis addressed the Tax Board with regard to the November League of Municipalities Conference. Hotel accommodations are to be made by the Tax Board Members and she or Arlene will make luncheon and registration arrangements.

13. PUBLIC SPEAKERS

Assessor Joseph Pisauro announced that the Assessor's Association Christmas Party will be on Friday, December 14, 2018 at the Manor in West Orange at 12 Noon. Ellen Malgieri will send out flyers regarding the luncheon. Also as a reminder to all Municipal Assessor's, please pay your dues as some Assessors are in arrears for up to two years.

14. NEW BUSINESS

Administrator Durkin announced that the Essex County Board of Taxation will be moving to a new location (as soon as a new building is constructed) in Newark. The building will be completed in approximately 2 years and she is in negotiations with the County Executive's Office for the amount of space to be allotted for Tax Board Offices.

Administrator Durkin also expressed her concern over Senate Bill S171 TR that calls for the sharing of County Tax Board Administrators. At present the wording of the bill states that the County Freeholders and not the County Tax Board Commissioners shall make the decision on sharing the County Tax Administrator. Wording needs to be changed in the Assembly Bill to include the County Tax Board Commissioners.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 10:50 AM was made by Commissioner DeFuria, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, all in favor motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted
Joan Codey Durkin, Tax Administrator

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