

**ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION  
BOARD MEETING  
AGENDA  
Thursday, February 3, 2022  
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 ON THE ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION WEBSITE.***

1. ROLL CALL
2. Approval of January 2022 Minutes
3. Update of Tax List Filing for Extension Towns
4. Update of Revaluations: 2022 East Orange, North Caldwell, Orange, 2023 Roseland, 2024 Irvington, 2025 Newark & West Orange
5. Nutley Request for Reval Extension & Resolution
6. Approval of Overrides
7. Update of Appeals
8. Update of Deeds
9. Daniel's Law
10. Public Speakers
11. New Business
12. Adjournment

**COMMISSIONERS**

**PRESENT**

**ABSENT**

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| <b><i>MATARAZZO, PRESIDENT</i></b> | <b><i>X</i></b> |  |
| <b><i>DEFURIA</i></b>              | <b><i>X</i></b> |  |
| <b><i>GRODMAN</i></b>              | <b><i>X</i></b> |  |
| <b><i>JOHNSON</i></b>              | <b><i>X</i></b> |  |
| <b><i>O'BRIEN</i></b>              | <b><i>X</i></b> |  |
| <b><i>ADMIN. DURKIN</i></b>        | <b><i>X</i></b> |  |

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

A meeting of the Essex County Board of Taxation was held on Thursday, February 3, 2022 at 9:16 AM at its office located at 495 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd., Newark, New Jersey.

**1. ROLL CALL**

President Matarazzo, Commissioners DeFuria, Grodman, Johnson, O'Brien and Tax Administrator Durkin were present at the meeting.

**2. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 13, 2022 MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes of January 13, 2022 was made by Commissioner Grodman, Seconded by Commissioner Johnson, all in favor motion approved.

**3. UPDATE OF TAX LIST FILING FOR EXTENSION TOWNS**

Cedar Grove filed the Tax List on February 2, 2022.

**4. UPDATE OF REVALUATIONS: 2022 EAST ORANGE, NORTH CALDWELL, NUTLEY, ORANGE, 2023 ROSELAND, 2024 IRVINGTON, 2025 NEWARK & WEST ORANGE**

East Orange Tax Assessor Romal Bullock reported that Tyler Technologies has completed all residential properties and he is in the process of finalizing them. Commercial properties will be completed today and furnished to him tomorrow by Tyler at which time he and Mark Hendricks will review them. Administrator Durkin asked when value letters would be mailed to taxpayers. He replied that value letters along with the tax impact would be mailed in two weeks. Administrator Durkin stressed that they should be sent no later than February 15, 2022. She also asked where the taxpayer hearings would be held, Romal informed her in the East Orange Municipal Council Chamber for 10 days of hearings.

North Caldwell Tax Assessor George Librizzi reported that value letters along with the tax impact have been mailed to taxpayers and he is allowing two days for taxpayer hearings either in person or call in. Two thirds of North Caldwell values will remain the same or be reduced with one third increasing in value. The Tax List will be filed by February 24, 2022.

Orange Tax Assessor Chris Murray reported that PPA was setting land & VCS values. Value letters will be mailed by the week of February 14, 2022. Tax Administrator Durkin stressed that Orange adhere to the Tax List filing of March 1, 2022.

Roseland Tax Assessor Kevin Esposito was not present at the meeting and his written report was read into the record.

Irvington Tax Assessor Silvia Forbes appeared at the meeting along with CFO Faheem Ra'Oof who stated that the bonding ordinance for the Irvington revaluation is going before the Irvington Municipal Council on Monday, February 7, 2022 to approve funding for the revaluation. The RFP is being reviewed by the Law Department and Irvington has instituted a lawsuit to retrieve their tax maps from the previous vendor. He has been in touch with Civil Solutions and anticipates a contract will be awarded to them after the

maps are retrieved. He is aware that Irvington is behind on their revaluation timeline. Tax Administrator Durkin informed him that Irvington Taxpayers are constantly calling the Tax Board with complaints about Irvington's tax rate, she also reminded him of Irvington's falling ratio. She has invited him to attend the March 11, 2022 Tax Board Meeting and will send a letter to the Irvington administration to also attend the March meeting. Tax Administrator Durkin will contact the State Division of Taxation to see if they have a copy of Irvington's tax map.

Newark Tax Assessor Aaron Wilson was not present at the meeting and his report was read into the record. It was noted that Newark's Tax Map has never been certified by the State of New Jersey.

West Orange Tax Assessor Kevin Dillon was not present at the meeting and his written report was read into the record.

**5. NUTLEY REQUEST FOR REVAL EXTENSION & RESOLUTION**

Nutley Tax Assessor Edmund Brown was present at the meeting. Commissioner Tom Evans and the representative from ASI were present via phone conference. Ed reported that the revaluation is moving forward and Nutley now has seven inspectors and one supervisor in town to do residential inspections. A letter will be sent to taxpayers making them aware of the alternative to not allowing an inspector to visit their property which is that the highest value will be assessed to their property. He anticipates all inspections will be complete by early summer. Value letters will be mailed to taxpayers in late October or early November. There are 551 commercial properties in Nutley.

A resolution was read into the record by President Matarazzo extending the Nutley revaluation from 2022 to 2023. A motion to grant the extension was made by Commissioner Grodman, Seconded by Commissioner O'Brien, all in favor motion approved.

**6. APPROVAL OF OVERRIDES**

A motion to approve the thirteen overrides was made by Commissioner DeFuria, Seconded by Commissioner Johnson (who also abstained from voting on the overrides for Newark and East Orange), all in favor motion approved.

**7. UPDATE OF APPEALS**

As of today's date, 23 Appeals have been filed.

**8. UPDATE OF DEEDS**

As of February 1, 2022 nine thousand four hundred ninety one (9,491) deeds have been processed.

**9. DANIEL'S LAW**

Tax Administrator Durkin reported that no Assessor in Essex has reported any Daniel's Law filings. She went on to explain the law and how other counties are responding to requests to redact ownership information.

**10. PUBLIC SEAKERS**

Tax Assessor Richard Hamilton of West Caldwell reported that the ratio case for West Caldwell has been settled.

**11. NEW BUSINESS**

The March Essex County Tax Board meeting originally scheduled for March 3, 2022 has been rescheduled to Friday, March 11, 2022.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:20 AM was made by Commissioner O'Brien, Seconded by Commissioner Grodman, all in favor motion approved.

Respectfully Submitted  
Joan Codey Durkin  
Tax Administrator

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