

**ESSEX COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION
BOARD MEETING
AGENDA
Monday, December 18, 2023
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 November 2, 2023 Minutes
3. Newark 2027 Reval Update/Tax Map Letter from State/RFP
4. Update of Revaluations: 2024 Irvington, Maplewood, Roseland, South Orange, 2025 West Orange,
5. Extension Request to File 2024 Tax List: Irvington & Roseland
6. Update of Deeds/Outstanding Deeds
7. Next Board Meeting Date Wednesday, January 10, 2024
8. Kevin Esposito New President State Assessors Association
9. Public Speakers
10. New Business
11. Motion to go to Added/Omitted Hearings
12. Motion to go back on Record
13. Motion to approve Judgments heard today, December 18, 2023
14. Adjournment

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT

ABSENT

Matarazzo, President

X

DeFuria

X

Grodman

X

Johnson

X

O'Brien

X

Weller-Demming

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, December 18, 2023 at 9:30 A.M. at its office located at 495 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd., Newark, New Jersey.

1. ROLL CALL

Present at the meeting were President Matarazzo, Commissioners DeFuria, Grodman, Johnson, Weller-Demming and Tax Administrator Durkin. Commissioner O'Brien was absent.

2. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2, 2023 MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of November 2, 2023 was made by Commissioner Grodman, Seconded by Commissioner Johnson, all in favor motion approved.

3. NEWARK 2027 REVAL UPDATE/TAX MAP LETTER FROM STATE/RFP

Frank Dallessio, Newark Tax Assessor, reported that the RFP has been sent to Purchasing to be let out to bid and the Tax Maps are being worked on. Administrator Durkin stressed the importance of the Maps being completed by March 2024 and sent to Trenton for approval. Discussion of timeline and ratio followed.

4. UPDATE OF REVALUATIONS: 2024 IRVINGTON, MAPLEWOOD, ROSELAND, SOUTH ORANGE, 2025 WEST ORANGE

Irvington Tax Assessor Silvia Forbes was not present at the meeting. ASI reported that an extension for filing the 2024 Tax List will be necessary, however a date has not yet been discussed. The date will be determined at the January 10, 2024 meeting.

Maplewood Tax Assessor Thomas DeKorte reported that value letters have been sent out and hearings are scheduled through January 6, 2024, however, more dates may be necessary. He is requesting an extension to February 5, 2024 to file the Tax List with a cutoff date of February 2, 2024 for changes. A motion to extend the date to February 5, 2024 was made by Commissioner Weller-Demming, Seconded by Commissioner Grodman, all in favor motion approved.

Roseland Tax Assessor Kevin Esposito requested an extension to February 15, 2024 to file the Tax List. Letters will be sent out the first week in January and hearings will start towards the middle of the month.

South Orange Tax Assessor Ellen Malgieri was not present at the meeting. Value letters have been mailed and the revaluation is on time. No request for an extension has been made by South Orange.

West Orange Tax Assessor Jacob Nieman reported that inspections are being made and all is on schedule.

5. EXTENSION REQUEST TO FILE 2024 TAX LIST: IRVINGTON & ROSELAND

A motion to approve an extension to file the 2024 Tax List for Irvington was not voted on due to the absence of Tax Assessor Silvia Forbes.

A motion to approve the extension for filing the 2024 Tax List for Roseland until February 15, 2024 was made by Commissioner Grodman, Seconded by Commissioner DeFuria, all in favor motion approved.

6. UPDATE OF DEEDS/OUTSTANDING DEEDS

As of December 14, 2023, 5,113 deeds have been processed which is approximately 1,300 less than last year at this time.

7. NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2024

A reminder was made by President Matarazzo that the next board meeting will be Wednesday, January 10, 2024 for the filing of the 2024 Tax Lists.

8. KEVIN ESPOSITO NEW PRESIDENT STATE ASSESSORS ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to Kevin on his election to President of the State Assessors Association.

9. PUBLIC SPEAKERS

Tax Administrator Durkin stated the importance of Assessors reaching out to one another to ask for help with questions as well as to share valuable information.

10. NEW BUSINESS

None.

11. MOTION TO GO TO ADDED/OMITTED HEARINGS

A motion to go to Added/Omitted Hearings at 9:41 A.M. was made by Commissioner Weller-Demming, Seconded by Commissioner Grodman, all in favor motion approved.

12. MOTION TO GO BACK ON RECORD

A motion to go back on record was made by Commissioner Weller-Demming, Seconded by Commissioner Grodman, all in favor motion approved.

13. MOTION TO APPROVE JUDGMENTS HEARD TODAY, DECEMBER 18, 2023

A motion to approve Judgments heard today, December 18, 2023 was made by Commissioner Grodman, Seconded by Commissioner Weller-Demming, all in favor except for the following abstentions, motion approved. President Matarazzo and Commissioner Weller-Demming abstained from voting on judgments for Montclair, Commissioner Johnson abstained from voting on judgments for Bloomfield, East Orange, Newark & West Orange.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 A.M. was made by Commissioner Weller-Demming, Seconded by Commissioner Grodman, all in favor motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Codey Durkin, CTA
Tax Administrator

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