

April 13, 2016

A regular meeting of the Bergen County Board of Taxation was held on Wednesday, April 13, 2016, at ONE Bergen County Plaza, Freeholders Meeting Room, 5th Floor, Hackensack, NJ. The meeting was called to order by President Calabrese at 9:39 A.M. and compliance with the Sunshine Law was indicated. The roll call was taken:

Present: President Calabrese, Commissioners Nall, O'Connor, Fader and O'Shea and Administrator Layton. Commissioners Schuster and Eilert were absent.

Commissioner O'Shea made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nall and approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

1. Revaluations/Reassessments

2017: Rutherford – They are interviewing revaluation firms this week.

Wood Ridge – Inspections are beginning this week.

We also have reassessment applications for Hackensack, Little Ferry, Moonachie, South Hackensack, Westwood and Woodcliff Lake.

Hackensack is doing a rolling reassessment and is under contract to do 25% per year. A motion was made by Commissioner O'Connor and seconded by Commissioner Nall to approve.

Little Ferry is going into the third year of the rolling reassessment. It is working out very well and they are way down on appeals. The same is true in South Hackensack. A motion was made by Commissioner Nall, seconded by Commissioner O'Connor to approve.

Moonachie assessor is not present. A motion was made by Commissioner Nall and seconded by Commissioner O'Connor to approve.

Westwood is in the first year of a five year rolling reassessment plan. A motion was made by Commissioner Nall and seconded by Commissioner O'Shea to approve.

Woodcliff Lake is asking to do a rolling reassessment for five years also. A motion was made by Commissioner Nall and seconded by Commissioner O'Connor to approve.

2. SR-1A Report – Up to date.
3. We must purchase Application extender software in the amount of \$7500. It will allow us to put our tax list on our web site from 1906 to present and \$64,500 to convert 1,000 rolls of microfilm indexed by town and year. This is on state contract. A motion was made pending a letter from the purchasing director to approve the purchase by Commissioner Nall and seconded by Commissioner Fader.
4. The mandatory Class 3B property seminar is April 27, 2016. All assessors with farm qualified property must attend. They also want Administrators and Commissioners to attend. Commissioners must let Administrator Layton know if they will attend.
5. A mandatory tax appeal procedures meeting will be held following the regular Board Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A letter from Kenneth A. Porro, Esq. re: Borough of Northvale vs. Director, Division of Taxation challenging the directors ratio. This was heard and stipulated on January 29, 2016. The ratio is going to 91.08% from 79.66%. A

couple of sales were challenged. The ratio will be changed on the 2016 Final Equalization Table

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 16-03 was approved on a motion by Commissioner O'Connor and seconded by Commissioner O'Shea. All 70 districts were listed.

A calendar of hearing dates was included in the Commissioners folders. They must check to see if there are any dates they cannot make.

The next Board/Reorganization meeting is May 2, 2016 which is the last day for filing appeals for revalued/reassessed districts.

The total number of appeals filed as of 4/13/16 is 2,738. 2,464 is the total number of appeals that has to be heard.

The 2016 Preliminary Equalization Table is dated April 2, 2016 was mailed pursuant to statute. President Calabrese asked if there were any objections. There were none. A motion was made to approve the Preliminary Equalization Table as submitted by Commissioner O'Connor and seconded by Commissioner Nall.

President Calabrese opened the meeting to the public at 9:58 AM.

President Calabrese closed the meeting at 9:59 as motioned by Commissioner O'Shea and seconded by Commissioner O'Connor.



Robert F. Layton, Tax Administrator

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