

June 8, 2016

A regular meeting of the Bergen County Board of Taxation was held on Wednesday, June 8, 2016, at ONE Bergen County Plaza, Freeholders Meeting Room, 5th Floor, Hackensack, NJ. The meeting was called to order by President Calabrese at 9:30 A.M. and compliance with the Sunshine Law was indicated. The roll call was taken:

Present: President Calabrese, Commissioners Schuster, Eilert, Nall, O'Connor, Fader. and O'Shea and Administrator Layton. Commissioner O'Shea made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2016 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Connor and approved.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

1. Revaluations/Reassessments

2017: Hackensack – No report.

Little Ferry – No Report.

Moonachie – No Report.

Rutherford – Dennis McGuire reported that a revaluation firm was to be appointed at the last council meeting. Due to a bad report about the firm the appointment never happened. Approximately 235 or 240 tax appeals were filed. Hopefully a firm will be hired shortly.

Little Ferry and Rutherford and South Hackensack – George Reggo advised that all of these towns will go on the books for 2017.

Westwood – Barbara Potash stated that letters were mailed to taxpayers and that the field work has begun.

Woodcliff Lake – The sales analysis and tax maps are being worked on.

Wood Ridge – Stuart Stolarz reported that the revaluation should be completed in a timely manner.

2. SR-1A Report – Up to date. The sampling period is approaching so the assessors must process the SR1A's timely.
3. The Bergen County Assessors Association Education Seminar will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at the Holiday Inn in Hasbrouck Heights. There is still time to register.
4. The NJACTB Conference will be held August 29 to September 2 in Cape May. Registration is \$445 and the room is \$197.50. Administrator Layton is again asking the Board to approve paying for the tax assessors registration. He will also see if he can get the county to pay the entire \$197.50 for the room. A motion was made by Commissioner Eilert and seconded by Commissioner Schuster to approve the payment for tax assessors.
5. The office will be striking the 2016 tax rates shortly. Some budgets still have not been received. Calls are being received from tax collectors about whether they can send out estimated tax bills which is up to them. A motion was made by Commissioner Eilert, seconded by Commissioner Schuster to allow Administrator Layton to strike the rates and publish them.
6. New phones will be purchased for the new office at a cost of \$7271.79. There will be 18 new phones. A motion was made by Commissioner Eilert and seconded by Commissioner Nall to approve this purchase.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 16-05 was approved on a motion by Commissioner Schuster and seconded by Commissioner O'Shea.

Reassessment applications were received from Hasbrouck Heights, North Arlington, Oradell and Saddle Brook. North Arlington's assessor reported that this will be a 5 year plan with 100% inspections this year and 25% per year thereafter.

Rick DelGuercio submitted reassessment applications for Hasbrouck Heights, Oradell, Saddle Brook and North Arlington. Administrator Layton advised that we do not have a contract for Hasbrouck Heights. The contract will be sent over. A motion was made to approve the reassessments by Commissioner Schuster and seconded by Commissioner Eilert.

Tax appeal deliberations will be on June 15, 2016 at 8:30 AM at the tax board office.

The next Board meeting will be on September 14, 2016.

President Calabrese opened the meeting to the public at 9:45 AM.

Angela Mattiace asked if the tax rates will be issued and was advised by Administrator Layton that we cannot issue rates because we do not have a county budget as of yet.

The Board congratulated Stuart Stolarz on his retirement and Stuart thanked the Board, tax assessors and staff.

President Calabrese closed the meeting at 9:47 AM as motioned by Commissioner Fader and seconded by Commissioner O'Connor.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert F. Layton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Robert F. Layton, Tax Administrator

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