

April 4, 2018

A regular meeting of the Bergen County Board of Taxation was held on Wednesday, April 4, 2018, at TWO Bergen County Plaza, Tax Board Hearing Room A, Hackensack, NJ. The meeting was called to order by President Calabrese at 9:35 A.M. and compliance with the Sunshine Law was indicated. The roll call was taken:

Present: President Calabrese, Commissioners Schuster, Nall, O'Connor, O'Shea and Administrator Layton. Commissioner Eilert attended via telephone.

Commissioner O'Shea made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nall and approved. Commissioner O'Connor abstained.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

1. Revaluations/Reassessments

2019 Fairview – George Reggo was to be present at this meeting but he was unable to attend due to illness. We were informed that the tax maps were being updated.

Revaluation orders for Edgewater, Lyndhurst and Palisades Park are waiting for the Director's approval.

- 2.** SR-1A Report – Up to date. The assessors are reminded to complete their section and return them to us as soon as possible.
- 3.** Assistant Administrator Mazzola read the notice of meeting dates from June 27, 2018 to May 1, 2019.
- 4.** Resolution 18-03 Adoption of County Ratio – The County Board of Taxation establishes the ratio of 100% of assessed to true value. A

copy of the resolution will be filed with the Director of the Division of Taxation, all municipal clerks and tax assessors. A motion was made by Commissioner O'Connor and seconded by Commissioner O'Shea to approve Resolution 18-03. Correspondence was received from attorney Ken Porro, Borough of Carlstadt, challenging the ratio.

- 5.** Resolution 18-04 – This is for assessor corrections for decreases on the 2018 tax lists. A motion was made by Commissioner Nall, seconded by Commissioner O'Shea to approve said assessor corrections.
- 6.** Revaluation order to be discussed for Bergenfield and Wallington is being moved to the May 9th meeting so we can see how many tax appeals are filed for those districts.
- 7.** Preliminary Equalization Table Hearing – The Table was prepared and mailed pursuant to statute to all tax assessors and municipal clerks, the Director of the Division of Taxation and the Local Property Tax Bureau. No objections to the Preliminary Table were received.
- 8.** SPA Seminar is this week, April 6th. If you are not yet registered you still can do so.
- 9.** Certification of New Construction – The amount calculated for new construction is \$3,515,228.36, made out to Joseph Luppino the County Treasurer.

10. On-line Tax Appeal System – Assistant Administrator Mazzola spoke to Commissioner Eilert who asked if this could be moved to the May 9th meeting so he could hear more about this system. The service agreement was forwarded to County Counsel and the Deputy Attorney General. No feedback has been received from the DAG. County Counsel said the contract looks appropriate.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Administrator Layton advised that tax appeals are coming in heavier this year than last year. As of today we have 2,560 not counting reassessed and revalued districts. Hackensack has the most appeals followed by Teaneck, Wyckoff and Edgewater.

The meeting was opened to the public at 9:47 AM.

Administrator Layton advised that Appeal hearings will begin on May 14, 2018.

The next meeting is Wednesday, May 9, 2018 which will be the Board's reorganization meeting and Final Table of Equalization to be approved.

There being no further business before the Board, President Calabrese closed the meeting at 9:51 AM as motioned by Commissioner Nall, seconded by Commissioner O'Shea and approved.



Robert F. Layton, Tax Administrator

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