

April 5, 2023

A regular meeting of the Bergen County Board of Taxation was held on Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at Two Bergen County Plaza, in person. The meeting was called to order by President Calabrese at 9:34 A.M. and compliance with the Sunshine Law was indicated. The roll call was taken:

Present: President Calabrese, Commissioners O'Connor, Lonzifero, Schettino & Cross and Administrator Layton were in person; Commissioner Eilert attended via telephone. Commissioner Schuster was not present.

The March 1, 2023, minutes were approved. The motion was made by Commissioner O'Connor and was seconded by Commissioner Schettino; all were in favor.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

1. Revaluations/Reassessments

2023: ALL COMPLETED

2024:

Allendale—AFR Application
Carlstadt – AFR Application
Closter –
Cresskill— AFR Application
East Rutherford – AFR Application
Edgewater— AFR Application
Fairview – AFR Application
Hackensack –
Hasbrouck Heights – AFR Application
Little Ferry –

Lyndhurst— AFR Application
 Maywood—AFR Application
 Moonachie – AFR Application
 North Arlington— AFR Application
 Oakland— AFR Application
 Oradell— AFR Application
 Palisades Park— AFR Application
 Paramus— AFR Application
 Ridgefield— AFR Application
 Ridgefield Park – AFR Application
 Saddle Brook – AFR Application
 South Hackensack
 Teterboro –
 Waldwick—AFR Application (pre-approved by the Director of the D. of T.)
 Westwood – AFR Application
 Woodcliff Lake –

A motion to approve all towns that submitted Applications For Reassessment (AFR's) was made by Commissioner O'Connor and seconded by Commissioner Lonziser. All were in favor; Commissioner Schettino recused himself from voting on the application for the Borough of Fairview.

2. SR1A Report –Approximately 3 weeks behind. Reminder to all assessors to complete their part timely.
3. Resolution 23-08: Assessment Correction Recommendations. The motion was made by Commissioner Schettino and was seconded by Commissioner O'Connor; all were in favor.
4. 2023 Preliminary Equalization Table—Statement was read by President Calabrese and no objections were made; the motion to approve the table was made by Commissioner O'Connor, seconded by Commissioner Lonziser.

5. Resignation of Commissioner Schettino—Admin. Layton thanks Comm. Schettino for his service to the Board and says it was a pleasure working with him. Comm. Schettino responds thanking Admin. Layton and says “it was a great experience and a pleasure working with everyone, especially my fellow commissioners and staff who did a great job with the hearings. Also, the assessors who did a great job with the hearings and were helpful with getting through the calendar.”

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

The next meeting is May 3, 2023. This will be the Re-Organization meeting and a regular Board meeting, along with having the Final Equalization Table done.

As of Monday, April 3rd, 2023, we had 1079 tax appeals. 869 of which were filed online and 210 were paper filed. Comm. Schettino asked how these numbers compared to previous years, Admin. Layton answered that we are down in filings, and Assistant Admin. Mazzola responded that we had 2100 total appeals last year.

A note on Daniel’s Law from Admin. Layton—there are 186 outstanding Daniel’s Law redactions. Some assessors have done nothing. Admin. Layton urges the assessors

to get these redactions done as soon as possible since there is a fine that can be levied on you the assessor personally.

The meeting was opened to the public at 9:41 A.M. Motion made by Comm. O'Connor and seconded by President Calabrese.

Assessor Angela Mattiace asks Admin. Layton to send an email to the assessors with outstanding Daniel's Law redactions.

Assessor Sarah Holbig would like to remind everyone the AMANJ Assessors Conference is coming up May 31st & June 1st, 2023, at the Heldrich Hotel in New Brunswick. There are 10 CEU credits pending state approval. There will be a golf outing on Tuesday, May 30th; please register before May 9, 2023.

Assistant Anthony Mazzola announced his resignation from the County Tax Board, effective July 1, 2023. He will be moving on to the assessor's position in the Borough of Fort Lee. Assistant Admin. Mazzola wants to "thank everybody and it's been a great 8 years and I was extremely blessed and fortunate to be in the position I was."

President Calabrese responded saying Assistant Admin. Mazzola will be missed by the entire Board and wishes him the best of luck in his new endeavors.

Administrator Layton responded saying it's been a pleasure working with Assistant Admin. Mazzola over the last 8 years. "He is a great asset and a great human being and a good co-worker and I'm going to miss him." Administrator Layton wishes him congratulations and best of luck.

There being no further business before the Board, President Calabrese closed the meeting at 9:47 A.M. as motioned by Commissioner Lonzisero seconded by Commissioner Eilert and approved by all.



Robert F. Layton, Tax Administrator

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