

# MORRIS COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION

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*Commissioners*  
William Kersey, *President*  
Dr. Michael D. DiFazio, *Vice President*  
Matthew R. Petracca  
Bernard J. Tyson  
Benjamin Steltzer

*County Tax Administrator*  
Ralph T. Meloro, IV

September 20, 2018

## AGENDA

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE MORRIS COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION

- Minutes*
- I Call to order
  - II. Announcement regarding Sunshine Law
  - III Roll call
  - IV Public Input any pertinent subject
  - V Minutes – June 21, 2018, July 19, 2018
  - VI Business
    - 1. Rollback Tax Complaints – Mendham Township
    - 2. Certify 2018 Tax Rates – See Attached List
    - 3. Patty Marsh
    - 4. Any other business that may properly come before the Board
  - VII Adjournment

C: COUNTY CLERK  
COUNTY CLERK'S BULLETIN BOARD  
DAILY RECORD (FAX 973-428-6666)  
STAR LEDGER (FAX 732-243-2750)

September 20, 2018

Started 10:00

Ended 11:10

Present- President Kersey, Commissioner DiFazio and Commissioner Petracca.  
Commissioner Tyson was on the loud speaker phone.

Absent - Commissioner Steltzer

Also present at the Meeting – Mr. Meloro and Ms. Marsh

Meeting was open to the public. No one was present.

Motion to close public session by: Commissioner DiFazio

Seconded by Commissioner Petracca

All in favor (yes)

Roll Backs- Mendham Twp. Scott Holzhauer and Thomas Sateary, Esq. appeared for the Twp.

No tax payers appeared. Roll Backs were granted

Washington Twp, Roll Back was signed off by the tax payer

It was considered and granted.

Motion Commissioner DiFazio Seconded Commissioner Tyson

All in favor (yes)

June Minutes – Commissioner Tyson would like the June minutes to be amended to show he was there.

July Minutes - To reflect the statement made by Ms. Marsh. (see attached)

Motion Commissioner DiFazio Seconded Commissioner Tyson

All in Favor (yes)

Certification of the rates - After a lengthy discussion between Mr. Meloro and the Board it was decided the rates will be certified after calls are made to the remaining towns to make sure the rates they used are the same as listed. The Board will then certify them electronically.

Commissioner DiFazio stated he wants letters to be sent to all the towns explaining they can't send out bills until the rates are certified. Commissioner Tyson also stated he believes a letter should be sent out. Mr. Meloro stated we

can't stop the Collectors from sending out their tax bills. Commissions Kersey stated let them send out estimated bills.

Motion Commissioner DiFazio    Seconded Commissioner Tyson  
All in Favor (yes)

Commissioner Kersey asked Mr. Meloro about the status of the Tax Maps. Mr. Meloro stated we have received most of them. Commissioner Kersey stated that a letter should go out to the towns that we have not received them from since there was a deadline. Commissioner Kersey also asked about the East Hanover Twp. Tax Maps. He stated the assessor for East Hanover told the Board at a previous meeting he was going to the town to get the maps updated so they would be ready when the Board ordered a revaluation. Mr. Meloro said he would ask Ms. Roggenkamp to find out the status of East Hanover's Maps.

Commissioner Kersey asked Mr. Meloro about the Roxbury Revaluation and if we have been receiving the monthly reports. Mr. Meloro did not respond. He then asked Mr. Meloro how many towns were being reassessed for 2019. Mr. Meloro could not recall. Ms. Marsh volunteered she believed there are 6 municipalities Chester Boro., Jefferson Twp., Long Hill Twp., Riverdale Boro., Rockaway Twp. and Wharton Boro.

Commissioner Petracca then stated he was embarrassed how the office is not running smoothly and is very concerned with the lack of supervision. Mr. Meloro stated this is nitpicking and Commissioner Kersey is harassing me because he wants my job. Commissioner Kersey stated he was just inquiring about the status of the Roxbury Revaluation and how many towns were being reassessed so he would have some idea about the upcoming appeals. Mr. Meloro stated that Commissioner Kersey goes through Ms. Roggenkamp for everything. Commissioner Kersey then stated he would now go through Mr. Meloro since Mr. Meloro stated at the July meeting he was available 24 hours a day 7 days a week and 365 days a year.

Ms. Marsh made a statement about the July meeting regarding the office being behind on the SR1As (See Attached.)

Commissioner Kersey then stated that the first call from the State concerning the SR1A's being behind came in March as stated at the July meeting by Ms. Roggenkamp. Commissioner Kersey said then how did the office move (that was contracted out) and the priority to get the tax appeal judgments out (when the appeals had not been heard yet) and judgments don't normally go out until the end of May beginning of June have anything to do with the office being behind on the SR1As as stated at the July meeting.

Commissioner Kersey then asked if there was any other business. Commissioner Petracca stated Commission Kersey had had a phone conversation with the AG office and they are engaged in the situation and will let the Board know how to proceed. They need to do research and they will get back to the Board. They were supposed to be at this meeting but were unable to attend. The Board will be scheduling a special meeting at a later date.

Mr. Meloro asked who called the AG's office and Commissioner Kersey responded that he did since Mr. Meloro's attorney had addressed her letter to him. At that point Commission Tyson asked if he could get a copy of the letter.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned

Motion Commission DiFazio      Seconded Commissioner Petracca

All in favor (yes)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Meloro". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, decorative flourish at the end.

I would like to clarify somethings that were said at the July Meeting.

1<sup>st</sup> thing is I always do my job and give 110%. And it was Stated at the July meeting that one of the reasons the SR1As were behind was that I did Association work for Commissioner Kersey. This is not true. I take pride in my work and would never be behind on anything. I have ever taken work home when we had large number of appeals.

The work I do for the association is very little. I do it on my lunch and on my break times. The work I do is for the association is not for any one person and Mr. Meloro has given me permission to do so.

Getting back to SRIAs none of the reasons giving at the July meeting are correct. No one ever went to the Ms. Johnson who does the them and asked why they were not getting done and if there was a problem. After the July meeting I spoke to her. She said to me the SR1As are my main responsibility. Over the past year, She was sick and dealing with some medical issues. When she was

absent the SRS for that day didn't get done so the piled up.

She realized how far behind they were when the first call from the state came. I started helping. She was unaware that there were multiple calls until I told her. We all worked together and were finished before the deadline. She wanted to explain to Mr. Meloro and Ms. Roggenkamp told her not to it wasn't necessary.

The reason I am here today is because it is unacceptable when things are put in public records that are not true.

Addendum to Minutes of September 20, 2018

Commissioner Dr. DiFazio made a motion to amend the minutes by adding that Commissioner Matthew Petracca was on the conference call with Commissioner William Kersey and the AG's office the motion was seconded by Commissioner Petracca and was approved by unanimous vote of all member present.

Commission Dr. DiFazio made a motion to amend the minutes stating that Ms. Marsh was asked what districts were being revalued and reassessed and did not just volunteer the information the motion was seconded by Commissioner Petracca and was approved by unanimous vote of all members present.