

MORRIS COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION

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June 20, 2019

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MORRIS COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION

- I Call to order
- II. Announcement regarding Sunshine Law
- III Roll call
- IV Minutes –May 6, 2019
- V Public Input any pertinent subject
- VI Business
 - 1. Potential Revaluations: Butler Boro., Chatham Boro. and Mt. Arlington Boro.
 - 2. Morristown Revaluation Status
 - 3. Hear & render judgment on remaining 2019 tax appeals
 - 4. Any other business that may properly come before the Board
- VII Adjournment

The Morris County Board of Taxation met in its office at 30 Schuyler Place, Morristown, New Jersey on June 20, 2019 at 10:00 A. M.

President William Kersey presided and Commissioners Dr. DiFazio and Petracca were present. Commissioner Tyson participated via conference call.

Also present: Kim Roggenkamp and Patty Marsh.

President Kersey announced that proper and timely notice of the meeting had been posted and filed with the County Clerk, the Daily Record the Star Ledger and The Record.

No one from the public was present. That portion of the meeting devoted to the public was closed.

On motion by Commissioner Dr. DiFazio seconded by Commissioner Petracca the minutes of May 6, 2019 were approved.

Business: Potential Revaluations – Shawn Hopkins, assessor and Robert Oostdyk, Esq. were present from the Borough of Butler to discuss the need and time frame of a revaluation. Butler Borough's last revaluation was in 2003 and the assessor reported that the municipal ratio and coefficient have remained stable. The municipality requested that a revaluation be considered for the year 2023. The Borough will have a new tax assessor in 2020. The Board inquired about the status of Butler's tax maps and Mr. Hopkins reported that the maps were in digital format and were up to date. (see attached letter from the Division of Taxation). The Board will revisit this revaluation need next year. Therese DePierro, assessor and James Lott, Esq. were present from the Borough of Chatham to discuss the need and time frame for a revaluation. Chatham Borough was last revalued in 2005. The assessor reported that the municipal tax maps are up to date and requested a revaluation to be implemented in 2021. Ms. DePierro also indicated that the municipality would like to implement an annual reassessment program once the revaluation is completed. On motion, the Board voted to order the Borough of Chatham to complete a municipal wide revaluation effective for tax year 2021.

John Marchione, assessor and Jason Cherchia, Esq. were present from the Borough of Mt. Arlington to discuss the need and time frame of a revaluation. Mt. Arlington was last revalued in 2004. The assessor reported that appeal numbers are low and that the tax maps have not been updated since the last revaluation. The maps will be digitized when updated. After discussion it was decided that Mr. Marchione would address the governing body in Mt. Arlington and come back to the Board's September meeting.

Kevin Esposito, assessor and Jillian Barrick, Town Administrator were present from the Town of Morristown to update the Board on the status of the municipal wide revaluation ordered to be completed for the tax year 2020. The tax assessor reported that the tax maps are only 80% complete and that they municipality would like an extension until 2021 to complete the revaluation. Commissioner Kersey stated that this was the first the Board had heard that the revaluation was not going to be completed on time and he feels that the Town is in contempt. Mr. Esposito informed the Board that the RFP has not been reviewed or sent out and that the municipality is waiting for tax map approval before they proceed. Commissioner Tyson said that he feels that an extension should be granted until 2021. The assessor told the Board that he is hopeful to have tax map approval in September. After further discussion it was decided to have the municipality back to the Board's September meeting for a further update.

Reassessment Applications: On motion by Commissioner Dr. DiFazio seconded by Commissioner Petracca the Board unanimously approved the annual reassessment application submitted by the Borough of Chester for the 2020 tax year.

Mark Burek, assessor and John Iacofano, Esq. were present from the Township of Rockaway to discuss the annual reassessment application. Commissioner Petracca recused himself and left the meeting to avoid a potential conflict of interest. On motion by Commissioner Dr. DiFazio seconded

by Commissioner Tyson the Board approved the reassessment application for 2020.

Commissioner Petracca rejoined the meeting and the Board heard and rendered judgment on all remaining 2019 tax appeals. See Attached Schedule.

On motion by Commissioner Dr. DiFazio seconded by Commissioner Petracca the Board approved attendance for tax board staff at the AMANJ 2019 June Conference being held in Galloway, NJ.

Ms. Roggenkamp reported that Ralph Meloro IV, Tax Administrator had been in to the office and confirmed that his retirement date was June 30, 2019 and that he had an exit interview scheduled with the Morris County Personnel Department on Wednesday, June 26, 2019.

Commissioner Kersey informed the Board that he would be stepping down from his position as President of the Board effective immediately.

On motion by Commissioner Petracca seconded by Commissioner Tyson, Dr. Michael DiFazio was unanimously elected President of the Morris County Tax Board.

On motion by Commissioner Petracca seconded by Commissioner Dr. DiFazio, William Kersey was elected Vice President. Commissioner Tyson abstained from voting.

There being no further business, on motion the meeting adjourned at 10:55 A.M.