

MORRIS COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION

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Matthew R. Petracca
Bernard J. Tyson
Benjamin Steltzer



County Tax Administrator
Ralph T. Meloro, IV

July 19, 2018

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MORRIS COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION

- I Call to order
- II Announcement regarding ~~Sunshine Law~~
- III Roll call
- IV Public Input any pertinent subject
- V Minutes – June 21, 2018
- VI Business
 1. Annual Reassessment Applications – Jefferson Twp, Riverdale Boro. & Rockaway Twp.
 2. N.J.A.C.T.B. Annual Conference – Tote Bag Item & L.T.D. Scholarship Basket Raffle
 3. Office Hours
 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 973-539-7919)

The Morris County Board of Taxation met at its office on 30 Schuyler Place, Morristown, New Jersey on July 19, 2018 at 10:00 A.M.

President Kersey presided and Commissioners Dr. DiFazio and Petracca were present. Commissioner Tyson participated in the meeting via conference call. Commissioner Steltzer was absent.

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.

Also present: Ralph T. Meloro, IV, Administrator and Kim Roggenkamp.

No one from the public was present except for Gina Mendola Longarzo, Esq., Mr. Meloro's attorney. That portion of the meeting devoted to the public was closed.

Business: Mark Burek tax assessor for Rockaway Township was present to discuss the reassessment application he submitted for the Board's consideration. Mr. Burek told the Board that this is the second year of an annual reassessment program. He also informed the Board that the Township Council had passed a resolution approving the reassessment and that they had entered into a contract with Appraisal Systems, Inc. (copy of the resolution and signed contract with the application). On motion by Commissioner Dr. DiFazio seconded by Commissioner Tyson the Board approved the application for reassessment for Rockaway Township for the 2019 tax year.

On motion by Commissioner Dr. DiFazio seconded by Commissioner Tyson the Board also approved annual reassessment applications for the Township of Jefferson as well as the Borough of Riverdale for the 2019 tax year.

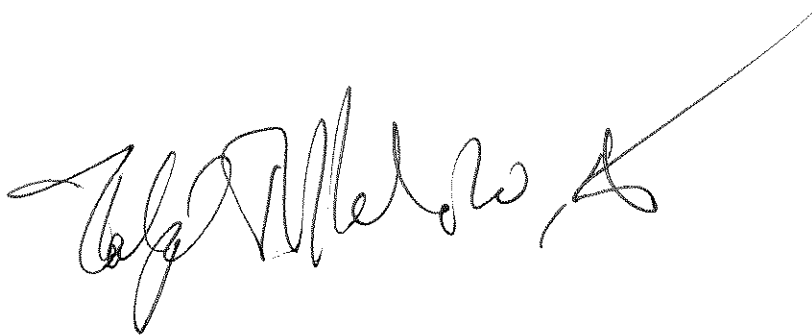
On motion by Commissioner Dr. DiFazio seconded by Commissioner Tyson the Board approved the purchase of 300 "Selfie Sticks" to be included in the tote bags at the annual N.J.A.C.T.B. educational conference in August.

A discussion was held concerning the minutes of the Board's June 21, 2018 meeting that were submitted to the Board for approval. Specifically a line in the minutes that read in part "Mr. Kersey's use of office staff" in reference to a reason given for SR1-A's being late in processing. Commissioner Kersey asked Administrator Meloro who records meeting minutes. Mr. Meloro told him that Kim Roggenkamp writes the minutes but that he has final say on them and that he recalled that comment being made at the prior meeting. Commissioner Kersey asked Commissioners Dr. DiFazio, Petracca and Tyson if they remember that being said at the June meeting. Both Commissioners Dr. DiFazio and Petracca said no and Commissioner Tyson said that he was not present for the meeting so he couldn't answer. Commissioner Kersey asked Mr. Meloro exactly what personal business he uses the Tax Board staff for. Mr., Meloro responded that the business he was referring to was that of the New Jersey Association of County Tax Boards. Primarily preparation for the Educational Conference held in Cape May. Commissioner Kersey asked Kim Roggenkamp how much time she spends working on Association business. Her response was that she spends very little time but that Patty Marsh spends more time on it. Commissioner Kersey asked Administrator Meloro exactly who he was referring to if it wasn't Kim Roggenkamp. He responded Patty Marsh. Mrs. Marsh was not present at the meeting due to a previously scheduled vacation. Commissioner Kersey stressed that he does not direct Mr. Meloro's staff and the reason that the SR1-A's were late was because the office was not being properly supervised by the Tax Administrator. Mr. Meloro said that he feels that he is being harassed by Commissioner Kersey and that if the Board so chooses they can amend the minutes however they see fit. Commissioner Dr. DiFazio made a motion to amend the minutes of the June 21, 2018 to remove the line "Mr. Kersey's use of office staff". Administrator Meloro declined to answer any further questions and introduced his attorney. Gina Mendola Longarzo, Esq. entered her appearance for the record. Administrator Meloro stated that

Commissioner Kersey threatened to fire him last Thursday because Commissioner Kersey wants Mr. Meloro's job as Morris County Tax Administrator. Commissioner Kersey responded that he does not have the authority to fire Mr. Meloro as he is a county employee. Attorney Longarzo indicated that in order to continue discussing Mr. Meloro's employment a RICE notice would have had to have been provided prior to the meeting and there was none. Commissioner Dr. DiFazio reminded the Board that there was a motion on the floor to amend the minutes. After discussion, the Board voted to amend the June 21, 2018 minutes and table them until their next meeting.

Commissioner Kersey then asked Administrator Meloro what his work hours were. Mr. Meloro replied that he is the Tax Administrator 24 hours a day 7 days a week 365 days a year and can either be reached at his office in Morristown or by calling him at home. Gina Mendola Longarzo, Esq. suggested that perhaps the Board should have council present at their next meeting to properly continue the discussion about Mr. Meloro's hours. The Board will consider contacting the Attorney General's Office.

There being no further business, on motion the meeting adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Meloro". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping line extending from the end of the name towards the upper right corner of the page.

ROLL BACK TAX COMPLAINTS

September 20, 2018

TO BE HEARD

Mendham Township

AMPM Construction, LLC
Ernest E. Maw, III

Block 130 Lot 8
Block 130 Lot 8.06

TO BE CONSIDERED

Washington Township

Dale Jayne

Block 36 Lot 14 QFarm