

Morris County Board of Taxation – October 21, 2021

Meeting Minutes

The Morris County Board of Taxation met in its office at 30 Schuyler Place, Morristown, New Jersey on October 21, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.

President Dr. Michael DiFazio presided and Commissioners Kersey and Ramirez were present.

Also present: Patricia Marsh, Administrator and Nicolle Krake.

President Dr. DiFazio announced the 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.

On motion by Commissioner Kersey seconded by Commissioner Ramirez the minutes of September 16, 2021 were approved.

On motion by Commissioner Kersey seconded by Commissioner Ramirez Certification of General Tax Rates for Town of Dover and Borough of Victory Gardens via email on 09/30/2021 were approved.

On motion by Commissioner Kersey seconded by Commissioner Ramirez Certification of Added/Omitted Books via email on 10/06/2021 were approved.

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

Business: Parsippany Troy Hills Township Senior Citizen Denial Appeals were considered and approved and judgments rendered for Block 477; Lot 7 and Block 546; Lot 10.

The Board then considered the Rollback Tax Complaint filed by the Borough of Kinnelon v. Seana Ali Wallizadeh where there was no appearance by the tax payer. Judgment was entered fixing the amount on which the Rollback taxes will be computed as submitted by the Municipality.

Kevin Esposito, assessor and Special Tax Counsel, Martin Allen, Esq were present to discuss the Revaluation for the Town of Morristown. The town was concerned about the Revaluation not having enough data due to the Covid-19 pandemic. They stated how it was hard to do inspections due to tax payers not allowing them inside their homes. Commissioner Kersey said they have been given extensions since 2017 and yet nothing has been accomplished. Kevin Esposito requested an extension stating the proposal was prepared in 2019 and not advertised until 2021.

Commissioner Kersey stated if there is no signed contract by our December 16, 2021 meeting Board should issue a Resolution of Contempt and pass it off to the Attorney General and the Attorney General will bring action against the Municipality.

Scott Holzhauer, assessor and Rick DelGuercio, of ASI representing Mendham Township were present to request an extension of Mendham Township's 2022 Tax List. After discussions the Board granted an extension to keep their book open until January 31, 2022.

Therese DePierro, assessor; Fred Semrau, Esq, Municipal Attorney; Stephen Williams, Administrator for the Borough of Chatham and Rick DelGuercio from Appraisal Systems were present to request another extension for their Revaluation due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Stating it was difficult to do the in-home inspections. On motion the Board granted an extension to be completed for the tax year 2023.

On motion by Commissioner Kersey and seconded by Commissioner Ramirez to allow the Commissioners, Tax Administrator, and office staff to attend upcoming educational conferences were approved.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:00.