

1 SOMERSET COUNTY BOARD OF TAXATION
2 27 Warren Street, 4th Floor
3 Somerville, NJ
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5 MINUTES OF THE MEETING
6 June 14th, 2016 – Regular Meeting
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8 The June of 2016 regular monthly meeting of the Somerset County Board of Taxation was held at the
9 Board of Taxation offices on June 14th, 2016 starting at 12:02 PM. The meeting had been advertised in
10 accordance with State Law; upon roll call, President Lore and Commissioners Eader and Pappas were
11 present. Commissioners Marano and Vice President Rosen were absent. Tax Administrator Robert
12 Vance and Assistant Tax Administrator Dawn Guttschall were also present. The following matters were
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16 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
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18 The minutes of the May 2nd, 2016 Reorganization Meeting were submitted by the administrator to the
19 Commissioners for their approval. Approval of the minutes was moved by President Lore and seconded
20 by Commissioner Pappas. The roll was called and the minutes for that meeting were approved by all
21 present.
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24 CORRESPONDENCE:
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- 26 1. Email correspondence as received from a Hillsborough property owner was reviewed with
27 the board members. The property owner had refused to allow an interior inspection and
28 was advised to do so prior to the postponed hearing date of June 28th. The tax
29 administrator had volunteered to perform the inspection as the property owner refused to
30 allow anyone from the Hillsborough assessing office to do so. The email as received
31 indicated that the property owner also has refused to allow the administrator to conduct
32 this inspection. The follow-up hearing remains schedule for June 28th.
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35 OLD BUSINESS:
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- 37 1. Reassessment Districts: New Annual Reassessment Applications (Form AFR-A) were
38 received from Bridgewater Township, Bound Brook Borough and Millstone Borouth. These
39 were reviewed and approved by the commissioners. These new submissions were
40 approved on a motion made by Commissioner Eader and seconded by Commissioner
41 Pappas, with all commissioners voting "aye" on the motion. The administrator indicated
42 that he would sign these AFR-A forms and submit them to the Division of Taxation for
43 review and final approval. The final date to have AFR-A applications submitted to the
44 Division of Taxation was confirmed to be August 1st of 2016; any applications not received at
45 the Division offices by that date would be automatically rejected.
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- 47 2. The current balance In the Trust Account was reported to be \$460,034.
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54 NEW BUSINESS:

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56 1. Administrator Vance discussed an article appearing in the Star Ledger on June 4th, which
57 reported that the Division of Taxation was taking a hard stance on the inaction of certain
58 Boards of Taxation in NJ, which have allowed districts to avoid revaluations for periods in
59 excess of 25 years. The article indicated that the Division of Taxation could act to compel
60 tax boards to order revaluations in these districts.

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62 2. Final appeal counts for 2016 were reviewed with the commissioners, prepared as of May
63 2nd, which was the date of the reorganization meeting and also the final filing date for all
64 reassessing districts. Appeal volume was reported to be approximately 30% below the
65 volume received in 2015.

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67 3. Educational offerings to be presented over the following 90 days were briefly reviewed with
68 all present, including primarily the annual NJACTB educational conference to be held in Cape
69 May beginning August 28th and concluding September 2, 2016.

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71 4. The administrator, assistance administrator and the board members conducted a review of
72 appeal hearings conducted between May 10th and June 9th on which judgments were to be
73 issued, revising assessments. Hearings resulting in affirmances or withdrawals, or on which
74 the values were settled via a stipulation agreement, were not included in this discussion.

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78 As there was no further comment, the meeting was adjourned by all commissioners present at 12:51
79 PM.