

## Salem County Board of Taxation

The July 6, 2016 Monthly Meeting of the Salem County Board of Taxation was called to order by President Steven Caltabiano at 8:30 AM in the Salem County Board of Taxation's office. Compliance with The Open Public Meeting Act was recognized. A roll call of Tax Board members indicated that all members were present.

The Minutes for June 8<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting were reviewed and approved. Voros/Hall 5-0

In the Administrator's report Mr. Snyder announced that the Tax Appeal Hearings concluded June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and wanted to thank everyone involved for their professional effort including Kathy McAllister and Ida Forrest for compiling and coordinating paperwork necessary for Appeal Hearings.

Under the Presidents Report, President Caltabiano reviewed in detail with the other Commissioners the disposition of this year's 602 Appeals. Caltabiano noted that this year's ratable loss from Tax Appeal's was approximately 21M up from a loss of 16.5M last year. Salem County has a current Ratable Base of 5.25 Billion. Caltabiano pointed out that the increase in appeals, in addition to increased reductions can be attributed to settlement agreements in Salem City. Those stipulated reduced assessments were the result of deteriorating property values in Salem City that the Board has previously addressed by ordering a Revaluation to be on the books for 2017. Caltabiano signed off on the Presidents Report to be submitted to the Division of Taxation. Caltabiano thanked Commissioners and staff for their efforts.

Caltabiano directed the Administrator to review usable sales data following the close of the sampling period and make recommendations to the Commissioners at the August meeting to proactively address problem areas of the County.

Under New Business, the Tax Assessors summer schedule was reviewed. It was confirmed that during this period they would concentrate on preparing for Tax Court Appeals; continuing Property Inspections; compiling Added/Omitted Assessments due Oct 1<sup>st</sup>, in addition to review and approval of submitted Farmland applications.

There was a motion made to Certify Tax Rates as budgets are presented and certified by their respective supervisory State agency (D.L.G.S), followed by review and approval by their respective Municipal C.F.O/Treasurer and Striking of the Municipal Rate by the Salem County Tax Administrator. Connor/Hall 5-0

Sr1a Policy Compliance was reviewed with all towns meeting Board requirements. There being no members of the public present and no public comments offered the meeting was adjourned. Hall/Grenier 5-0

**It was announced that the next Board Meeting would be Wednesday, August 3rd at 8:30 a.m. in the Salem County Board of Taxation Office.**