

Assessing Department
Quarterly Report
2024: October-November-December
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Property Owner Inquiries – The assessing office responded to over 150 property owners who inquired about their tax bill and assessment. Approximately half to two-thirds of these inquiries concerned the repeal of the Tax Stabilization Program by the state. Many of these inquiries occurred in September, but some replies and site reviews continued into October and November. The entire assessing staff played a significant role in answering these inquiries.

Field Work – Appraisers Patrick and Teresa continued to track permits and make regular trips to the field to document new homes, additions, renovations, etc. They also assisted with property owner inquiries at the desk and on the phone.

Data Entry & Processing – Kara continued to enter new ownership and deed information into our data system, including new parcels, land splits, and subdivisions. Our office has also received approximately 44 applications from businesses for the BETR tax reimbursement program. Kara processes each one of these for filing with the state and enters them into our system.

Homestead & Veterans Exemptions – Our office mailed 1,177 Homestead Exemption applications to new and longstanding property owners who have not yet applied. Many homeowners responded and these exemptions are now being entered into our database. Approximately 19 new Veterans Exemption applications have also been received.

TIF Review – In conjunction with several other departments, a large-scale review of the TIF district properties was conducted. This included clarifying their locations on a map and projecting the value of future development on these parcels.

Sales Review – An important part of the assessing cycle is reviewing sales to determine which ones are representative of market value and which are not (i.e. interfamily sales, multi-parcel sales, etc). Josh performed an extensive review of the sales from April thru October to make those determinations and prepare for sales ratio studies.