

Fiscal Year 2012/2013 Budget Highlights and Goals

Assessments

FY2012 Highlights

- In 2012 per diems for Board of Review alternates were higher but still were only \$14,475 in Fiscal 2012 despite a record number of appeals (8,893 appeals). The Assessment's Department Staff and the three members of the McHenry County Board of Review have shown tremendous dedication and diligence over the last year in dealing with the assessment appeals. The continued cooperation with the Board of Review and the Township Assessors has continued to improve over the last year.
- A new contract for contractual printing resulted in substantial savings for this mandatory expense of sending tax payers assessment notices in Fiscal 2012. In addition, postage expense will be reduced as well due to a new procedure of single-mailing to taxpayers/entities that own multiple parcels within a township.
- BOR Legal Notice Expense continues to drop.
- Legal Notices and Advert Publications). This expense has decreased significantly since 2011 due to changes in legislation but will be approximately \$48,000 in FY 2012 due to the amount of assessment changes the Township Assessors are making due to the sluggish real estate market. This statutory expense of publishing all assessment changes made by the Township Assessor has been reduced to \$0.80 per parcel in 2011 and will be enforce until 2015 according to legislation

FY2013 Goals

- A commitment is being made to reduce the budget by approximately \$63,000 in FY 2013 from FY2012. This will result in a 30% reduction from FY 2012 for those expenses outside of salaries. The Assessments Department has been trying the best they can to look for efficiencies and control costs in these trying times.
- The improvement in efficiencies in the Assessments Department has happened with same number of employees since the new CCAO was appointed in 2010. Additionally, expenses have decreased during the same time despite having a record number of appeals in Tax Year 2010 (5,885 appeals) and 2011 (8,893 appeals).