

TOWNSHIP OF CRETE

Office of the Assessor
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Township Meeting Notes:

- We are still receiving exemptions and renewals. The date listed on the form is July 1st as the deadline, however, we will still take them after that date.
- The field staff has finished for the summer. They were able to get lots of work done that we will draw, value, and have ready to enter for the 2025 year.
- Leigh is drawing the field staff work, entering permits, and exemptions.
- Paige is doing all the deed work and exemptions.
- As I stated last meeting, I was a part of the Crete Farmers Market for the month of August on Monday nights. I really enjoyed being a part of those evenings and I think it was great talking with people in an easy environment. There were many people that I looked into their assessment, let them know about exemptions, and sent property record cards, encouraging them to look into their assessment and explaining the process of valuing of the properties and the tax cycle. It has been a very nice night being in the community.
- I attended the Will County Board Business After Hours last night that was hosted at Bult Field. It was a lovely event to meet with people outside of a work environment. I was able to meet lobbyists, police chiefs, people from the Will County Health, Department of Transportation, Supervisor of Assessments, County Board Members, and hear about what they are working on and the services they have available.
- I met with the Superintendent and the Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations for School District 201-U to talk about many of the concerns that we hear being the schools. I also wanted to introduce myself and to hear what all is going on at the school. I was VERY happy to meet with them and learned so much and had many questions answered. I truly feel there is quite a disconnect with getting information out to those that are in the community as Highway Commissioner Tony,

and I talked about last night. We meet with and talk to many taxpayers daily and we should have information to spread the truth of what is happening. In that meeting, Dr.C and I had some Ideas that we thought would be helpful to spread the word to others. I shared some of the ideas with Supervisor Mike and she will be talking with him with the additional plans. I am hoping to continue to keep in touch with them to help keep taxpayers informed on the different changes and where the funding for that will be coming from.

- Appeal season is in full swing. I currently have 48 appeals filed and I am still working on all the assessment revisions that were done by those calling and us looking through evidence and coming to an agreement prior to filing. There were around 40 that will be changed, and we can continue to make reductions through October.