

TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION MEETING
ASSESSOR'S UPDATE – LORRI HOUTSMA
MARCH 30, 2024

1. The Local Board of Appeal and Equalization meetings have been set and approved by all townships and cities. The schedule was previously sent to your clerks. You can also find the schedule on Pine County's website – Departments – Assessor – under Important Dates & Deadlines.
2. The notices for these meetings were mailed to your clerks on February 8th. If your clerk did not receive the notice for some reason, please contact me soon. My direct line is (320) 591-1634 or you may email me at lorri.houtsma@co.pine.mn.us. The notices must be posted/published at least 10 days prior to your meeting.
3. For those of you holding your own meeting, please ensure you have a quorum present along with at least one trained board member.
4. For those of you who are using the open book format, we have two meetings scheduled. The first is on April 17th from 8:00 am to noon for those jurisdictions located in the southern half of the county. Anyone appealing can stop by at our office at the Pine County Courthouse in Pine City. The second meeting is scheduled for April 25th at the North Pine Government Center at 3:00 p.m. for those townships and cities located in the northern half of the county. The open book meetings are handled by our office so no one from your jurisdiction needs to be present or trained for these. As a reminder, when using the open book format, anyone appealing their value or classification does NOT need to attend the actual meeting. They can appeal up to June by contacting our office. We will then direct you to the appropriate appraiser.
5. The tax statements and valuation notices were sent out in the last few days so you should be receiving them soon. Although there are still areas in the County seeing more of an increase in their values due to sales, the overall increases, on average, are much less than in previous years.
6. Thank you for your time this morning. Please reach out with any questions. My direct line and email are shown above.

Lorri Houtsma, Pine County Assessor/Recorder