

Want to Appeal Your Tax Assessment? - Follow Judy Workings' Advice in Preparing for Board of Review in March

If your property has been assessed at too high a value, you pay too much property tax. You can appeal a too high assessment to the Board of Review.

Here is the Board of Review public meeting schedule from the recent ***"Notice of Assessment"*** mailed to you.

THE BOARD OF REVIEW WILL MEET AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL (4393 Collins Rd.) on Tuesday, March 3rd at 12:00 noon for an Organizational Meeting and appeals will be heard from 1:30 pm until 6:00 pm.

ADDITIONAL APPEALS WILL BE HEARD AT THE PAINT CREEK CIDER MILL (4480 Orion Rd) OR AT THE OAKLAND TOWNSHIP HALL (4393 Collins Rd.) ON:

Monday, March 9th from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm. (PAINT CREEK CIDER MILL MEETING ROOM)

Thursday, March 12th from 9:00 am until 12:00 noon and 1:00 pm until 6:00 pm. (OAKLAND TWP HALL)

To schedule an appointment IN ADVANCE for the Board of Review, please contact Oakland County Equalization Division, PRIOR TO February 28th, Toll Free at 1-888-350-0900, Extension 85583 or (248) 858-5583.

The Board of Review will accept written appeals that are received prior to Thursday, March 12th.

In an email from Board of Review Member Judy Workings, she offers this advice and links to important information:

"Bob,

I appreciate your efforts to educate residents who wish to appeal their tax assessments.

Oakland Township BOR is trained through the Oakland County Equalization Department at a yearly workshop which was held on Feb. 11th this year. This workshop is specifically tailored to Oakland County, new legislation, current CPI, and other information pertinent to the BOR.

Of course you know that residents appeal for a variety of reasons and for no specific reason at all except that they feel their taxes are too high.

Below are public Oakland County links to Oakland Township Address Maps and Oakland Township Sales Maps. Since we are experiencing an economic up-swing the Sales Map covers a two year period from April 1st 2017-March 31st, 2019.

However, the BOR can also use sales from March 31st, 2019-December 31st, 2019. The assessment reflects the value of the house on Dec. 31st, 2019."

"The below Address Map can assist residents in comparing their property to other Oakland Township properties."

<https://www.oakgov.com/mgtbud/equal/PublishingImages/Pages/march-bor/N.BIGBOOKRECAP.ADDRESS.pdf>

“The below Sales Map can assist residents in comparing their property with recent sales in their applicable neighborhood in Oakland Township. A resident’s applicable neighborhood is listed on the Address Map under the fourth heading.”

<https://www.oakgov.com/mgtbud/equal/PublishingImages/Pages/march-bor/N.SALESMAP.pdf>

“Many residents have never viewed their property assessment sheet. To check your property assessment click on link below. Only type in your house number and street name then hit search.”

<https://bsaonline.com/?uid=1636&sitetransition=true>

Theses are frequently asked questions by residents at the Board of Review.

<https://www.oakgov.com/mgtbud/equal/Pages/proposals.aspx>

“If residents viewed all the above information then only the unique situations would be appealed. This is the main information used by the BOR. I hope that this was helpful. Feel free to share any of the above links as they are public information, and are helpful to citizens.”

Editor’s note:

The Oakland Township Board of Review exists by State Law to review all township property assessments for accuracy.

- Boards of Review only deals with **Assessed Value** for the current tax year, which is 2020. **They have no power to set millage rates.**
- Board of Review members are your neighbors, willing to serve and appointed by the Township Board of Trustees. They serve a two year term and paid a small per diem. In 2018 the average Board of Review annual compensation was \$356 per member. Please be courteous to them. Our current Board serving until January 2021 is:
 - John Casadei
 - Gary Putz
 - Judy Workings