

## **12/10/07 Tax Collector Compensation Meeting**

- The township supervisors feel that they pay an unfair amount in taxes compared to the County and School District considering they receive the least amount of tax revenue. Jennie Caldwell reported that the County pays her roughly \$1,200.00, the School District pays her a little under \$4,000.00, and her township pays her around \$9,000.00. The supervisors would like to see the School District and County increase their payments so that they can decrease theirs slightly and still allow for an increase in wages for the tax collectors. John Eggleston agreed.
- John Eggleston brought up the point that if it becomes too costly for the County or School District to pay the tax collectors due to wage increases, they may look at other options for collecting taxes. One of the supervisors stated that Act I allows for the School District to go to an outside collector if the School District accepts quarterly payments. Another supervisor disagreed and felt that Act I states that the tax collector must still be in place to process those payments from the third party collector. The majority of the group did not feel that an outside collector would be as cost effective as the current system.
- Some complaints were voiced about the problems with the duplicates and the confusion that they caused the tax payers. John Eggleston said that problems were caused in part by the fact that the School District did not opt to allow payments and since the County prints duplicates for three different School Districts, they had to print different duplicates for our District. Hopefully they will be able to resolve that before next year.
- There was much discussion as to whether to ask for a per item increase for the tax collectors or a percentage of the taxes collected. Initially, the consensus was to ask for a per item increase. The problem is that this would not protect the tax collector from inflation. The School District has not increased their per item amount in 26 years. A percentage would give the tax collectors an increase in wages as the taxes go up.
- John Eggleston will put together a few different options for wage increases for the next meeting.
- The group would like to get the School Board involved now so that a proposal can be made in time for the budget that would be in place before the next election. They would like someone from the finance committee to be present at the next meeting which will be January, 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.