

**ASSESSMENT SURVEY – QUESTION 2**  
**From Regular Mail**

**“Assuming the district moves forward with property appeals, should the basis for filing property appeals be limited to properties that sell or should the criteria be expanded to include all properties by using indicators of value such as neighborhood valuations, building permits and competing sales?”**

**Comments – Undecided on Basis for Appeals**

“I really don’t know. Let’s see what the committee comes up with.”

**Comments – For Including All Properties**

“So that’s it fair to everyone.”

“A policy based on uniformity should be adhered to. A known percentage of variance in values should be established. A good real estate agent should always make buyers aware of the situation.”

Include all properties “conditional upon cost vs. additional tax revenue”.

“Building permits could discourage remodeling and improving the property. Some municipalities encourage this, not discourage this.”

“Because if you are going to apply an unfair rule such as his, affecting (adversely) a massive % of your tax base at once will soon make you aware of the faults of your thought process. (logic).”

“Limiting only to properties that sell is selective to a specific home owner class. If the district needs more money it should spread that responsibility fairly across all homeowners.”

“This is the county’s job, not Fairview School District.”

“If you push “forward” then all property owners should be involved so the Democratic push back will have validity.”

“Spot assessment changes are certainly not fair to people not selling/selling.”

## **Comments – For Limiting to Properties that Sell**

“My fear is the township’s greed. Our property would seem to be valuable but is completely land locked to any development. Taxes could be close to our Social Security and could force sale of a property of a long term homestead that we hope to keep in the family.”

“Hopefully, the next scheduled assessment should even things out. Limit to properties that sell, and properties affected by building/demolition permits. Reduce legal fees and concerns by using the above clear-cut, straightforward process. I.E. if I choose to change my property value I should expect an increase/decrease in assessment and taxes upon the completion date.”

“If you are constantly reassessing, you will discourage people from moving into Fairview. It is a disincentive to improve a property knowing that the taxes will go up immediately.”

“All our properties were assessed several years ago and adjusted accordingly (2003).”

“I believe that if you include all properties this could hurt seniors who have lived here a long time and cannot afford an increase.”

“Not neighborhood valuations, this will keep owners from keeping up their properties.”

“Limit to properties that sell and use 2000/2001 est. values to trigger appeal and set new valuation.”

“Limit to properties that sell or new build.”

“Indicators are not a true measure of FMV. Appraisers use data from completed and competing sales.”

“Older people who have lived here so many years are barely able to keep up with the increases imposed already. If adjoining or nearby land is developed into a subdivision for example, it may result in a higher assessed value on all or some neighboring properties because they may be considered as having development potential, but may not sell at a higher price. Why should we pay taxes higher?”

### **Comments Only - No Answer**

“I thought we just had a county wide reassessment? Do you even have the legal authority to put into effect any of this?”

“No right way to answer.”

“I think it is about time everyone gets their act together. But, it’s kind of impossible with the lack of intelligence, the lack of ambition, and lack of concern in the world we live in today.”

### **Comments – Neither**

“Properties have been assessed. Let it be. A way to change assessments should be only when the property is physically made bigger or smaller. This could be controlled through building permits.”

“Neither! Since the county is now contemplating reassessments more often than previously – leave well enough alone!”

“Rather than reducing the millage, it may increase the millage if more people decide not to buy or build in Fairview. This pales in comparison to increased pension costs in the future.”

“Neither!! Our taxes are high enough!”

“I think you ought to worry about using the tax dollars you get wisely and stop worrying about how to get more. Leave the assessments to the assessment office.”

“I’m in favor of raising income taxes and not property taxes. Give us a break!”

“Neither. Leave it all alone as it has been reassessed in the last few years. Who is going to want to live in Fairview? Senior citizens can’t afford it anymore.”

“This process is only fair if all properties are assessed to the same market conditions, otherwise, it becomes unfair to everyone.”