

Town of Darby



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Ravalli County Commissioners
214 S 4th Street, Suite A
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Dear Commissioners,

I am contacting you on behalf of the Town of Darby and the Darby Fire District regarding the lack of remittance of tax funding that has been collected by the County on behalf of the Town of Darby and the Darby Fire District. The Town has not received funds from your office comparable to the last several years collections. Additionally our receivables are at an all time low. The receivable balance may be the result of higher collections, but I have concerns regarding the assessments and adjustments that are made by the County without explanation or consensus of the Town. These adjustments, payments and assessments are only reported to the Town on the trial balance normally received each month.

Tax levies adopted by the Town were submitted to the Ravalli Clerk & Recorder and the State Assesor Office and are assumed to have been assessed to property owners. We have not received a trial balance that reports that applied assessment to the Town account.

We understand Ravalli County and municipalities and districts that lie within the County are all reliant on tax funding to continue supporting services suppling public health, safety and education. We also understand new personel, programs and office dynamics can be challenging and time consuming.

A majority of municipalities in Montana use the same software or very similar software in our offices and therefore we are familiar with the data entry procedures. Might we suggest the County request assistance from the State Department of Administration and or other County tax offices to assist in data entry.

We know that you are addressing these issues as quickly as you can and will take action being in the best interest of all concerned parties.

Sincerely,

Nancy G. McKinney
Clerk/treasurer