

# Florence – Wilton Multi-Township

## Decennial Committee Report

This report of the Florence – Wilton Multi Townships Decennial Committee. The committee was formed and report completed in accordance with Public Act 102-1088.

- A. We are located in Will County. There are 24 townships within the county.
- B. The population of Florence Township is 1072 and Wilton Township is 995 per the 2022 Census.
- C. We have 1 part time Contracted Employee of the Township (not including Elected Officials )
- D. The Townships consists of approximately 72.9 square miles.
- E. The Township includes parts of the town of Wilmington, Wilton Center and the Village of Symerton.
- F. Our Annual Budget for 2023 Multi-Township is \$1092.00
- G. Our Townships Equalized assessed valuation for 2023 is \$86,594,510.00

Florence- Wilton Multi Township Board appointed the following members on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

William P. Long, Supervisor and Treasure

Gynith Borden, Clerk/ Resident

John Seibert Trustee

Jodi Thatcher Trustee

Mary Tamez Assessor

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Note: Per 50 ILCS 70/10(b), the committee membership must include all the elected or appointed members of the Multi township board (Supervisor and Trustees) and residents appointed by the Supervisor Commissioner. The residents can be the Assessor, Highway Commissioner, Clerk or Collector, if you have one, or other residents of the Township, but these officials are not required to be on this Committee. The Supervisor may appoint more than two residents if deemed appropriate.

Dates that our Committee Met (50 ILCS 70/20)

First (Organizational) Meeting  
(Must occur prior to June 10, 2023): May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Second Meeting: December 5th, 2023

Third Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

Additional Meetings (List All): \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

The duties of the committee include, but are not limited to: the study of the statutes, ordinances, rules, procedures of the governmental unit, shared services, intergovernmental agreements, and analysis necessary to prepare a report to provide to the Will County Board.

**Programs offered by Florence-Wilton Multi- Township:**

General and Emergency Assistance programs.

The Township Halls are also used for a Community Center to hold Community & Personnel Events.

**Social Service Agreements**

We partner with the following not for profits to offer social services (list all):

**Entity:**

1. Kuzma Care
2. Christian Help Association
3. Village of Symerton
4. LIHEAP

**Services Provided:**

- Supplies food for 60481 residents
- Supplies food & clothing to those in need.
- Office space shared in Township hall
- Utilities Assistance

**Intergovernmental Agreements**

Support Will County and Surrounding Townships

## **Review of Laws, Township Policies, Township Rules and Procedures, Township Training Materials, and other Documents**

We have reviewed the following, non-exhaustive list of laws, policies, training materials, and other documents applicable to the Multi Township to evaluate our compliance and to determine if any of the foregoing should be amended.

- \_\_\_\_\_ State laws applicable to Townships, including, but not limited to the Township Code (60 ILCS)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Policy on public comment
- \_\_\_\_\_ Designation of OMA officer (5 ILCS 120/1.05(a))
- \_\_\_\_\_ All of Elected Officials have completed OMA Training (5 ILCS 120/1.05(b))
- \_\_\_\_\_ Schedule of All Township Regular Meetings for Calendar or Fiscal Year (5 ILCS 120/2.03)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Designation of FOIA officer (5 ILCS 140/3.5(a))
- \_\_\_\_\_ FOIA Officer Training (5 ILCS 140/3.5(b))
- \_\_\_\_\_ Computation and Retention of FOIA Requests (5 ILCS 140/3.5(a))
- \_\_\_\_\_ Posting Other Required FOIA Information (5 ILCS 140/4(a); 5 ILCS 140/4(b))
- \_\_\_\_\_ List of Types or Categories of FOIA Records under Township's Control (5 ILCS 140/5)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Periodic Meetings to Review Closed Meeting Minutes (5 ILCS 120/2.06(d))
- \_\_\_\_\_ IMRF Total Compensation Postings (5 ILCS 120/7.3)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Designation of Whistleblower Auditing Official (50 ILCS 105/4.1)
- \_\_\_\_\_ All of our Elected Officials have filed statement of economic interests (5 ILCS 420/4A-101; 5 ILCS 420/4A-101.5)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sexual harassment prevention training (775 ILCS 5/2-109(c))
- \_\_\_\_\_ Our Intergovernmental Agreements
- \_\_\_\_\_ Our Social Service Agreements or Contracts
- \_\_\_\_\_ Our budget and financial documents

\_\_\_\_\_ State Ethics Laws, including, but not limited to the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430/1-1)

\_\_\_\_\_ Our budget and financial documents

\_\_\_\_\_ Reports on government efficiency, including “Local Government Efficiency and Size in Illinois: Counting Tax Revenues, Not Governments” by Wendell Cox (2016); “Local Democracy and Townships in the Chicagoland Area,” by Wendell Cox, (January 2012).

## **Studies on Governmental Efficiencies**

In preparing this report, we reviewed several studies on local government efficiency. These studies show that:

- The average local government in Illinois serves 1800 residents compared to the national median of 2850 individuals
- Most townships in Illinois have no bonded indebtedness. Together with road districts they are an integral element of local democracy. Township expenditures have grown at a lower rate than those of any other level of government since 1992.
- Townships have lower labor costs and employ mostly part time employees.

## **Summary**

The challenge of finding a prequalified Candidate to run for Tax Assessor has become very difficult due to the State requirements. We have combined our two townships as Multi twps. To save Money and reduce the manpower needed to perform this task. The County was performing this task and has decided that they can no longer do this job with their current personnel. So the Multi Twp. has found a local Twp. Assessor that was able to perform the task for our Multi twps. Along with her current Twp. This allows for us to complete the task and save money.

We can always improve on our efforts to get the message out to our residents about services we can provide or assist with. We need to improve on our social media avenues in the future.

We maintain a great working relationship with the Village of Symeton, Wilton Center, and the City of Wilmington which are in our Multi Township—and communicate on issues facing our residents. We also have great relationships and communications with other townships in Will County. These relationships have helped in resolving issues that all of us are facing or have faced at different times.

Florence- Wilton Multi Township has a long history of fiscal responsibility and working within our budget. We are very conscious of the tax burden our residents face., and will always strive to keep our portion as low as possible, while providing the highest level of service we are able to provide.

Note: This report must be filed with Will County Board no later than 18 months after the first committee meeting.

Submitted by: William P. Long  Date: 5-20-27

Chairman – Decennial Efficiency Committee of Florence – Wilton Multi Township

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**DECEENNIAL COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

May 16,2023

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