

# **HOMER TOWNSHIP**

14350 W. 151<sup>st</sup> Street,  
Homer Glen, Illinois 60491

## **Committee on Local Government Consolidation and Efficiency Act**

### **Final Report**

The Homer Township Board along with the Homer Township Highway Department completed their Decennial Committee on Local Government Consolidation and Efficiency Act 50 ILCS 70/1. This law requires Illinois Townships and Road Districts to once every ten (10) years “form a committee to study local efficiencies and report recommendations regarding efficiencies and increased accountability to the county board in which the governmental unit is located.”

#### Information about Homer Township:

- A. We are located in Will County. There are 24 townships in our county.
- B. The population of our Township is approx. 39,000 as of the 2020 census.
- C. We have 11 employees of the Township (not including elected officials).
- D. We have 2 employees in our Road District (not including elected officials).
- E. Our annual budget for 2023 is: \$ 2,708,860.00.
- F. Our Township’s equalized assessed valuation for 2022 is \$ 1,948,522,395.

Each meeting was conducted within our regularly scheduled monthly Town Board meeting. We had a separate agenda, followed the Open Meetings Act, and a separate public comment to address the Decennial Committee on Local Government Consolidation and Efficiency Act. Additionally paper surveys were available for residents to comment on the committee.

Our meetings were held in the year 2023 on January 9, February 6, and March 13. The Committee was comprised of eleven (11) members. Nine were from our current board: Clerk Vicki Bozen Chairman, Angel Shake Vice-Chair (H.C. appointment), Supervisor Steve Balich, Trustees Mike Bonomo, Matt Connelly, Mark Gawron, and Rob Rivera, Assessor Carmen Maurella, and Highway Commissioner Brent Porfilio. Two (2) were residents: Jim Shake and Karen Roti.

Per our discussions we found that the services offered by Homer Township are unique and not duplicated by other local governmental entities. These services included: Senior apartment housing, lending closet for medical equipment, Handicap placards, monthly Senior

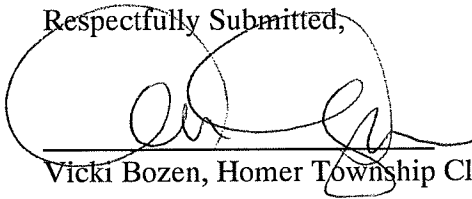
events, Senior Expo, PETFEST, General Assistance, voter registration, and an early voting location.

Homer Township utilizes Intergovernmental Agreements to collaborate with surrounding communities allowing us to share resources producing cost savings to the taxpayers. In the past few years, we have consolidated services with the Village of Homer Glen including merging the Special Needs Committee and transferring Parks and the Road District.

We believe that Homer Township is very effective. We cover a large area but are a smaller unit of government employing a smaller staff. This makes us very accessible to our constituents and can address the needs of the community with a quicker response time. These traits make us both effective and efficient.

Our current recommendation is that Homer Township continue to operate under the current statues, ordinances, rules, procedures, etc. We feel there is no need for additional accountability as our reports are filed in a timely manner at the Will County Clerk's office.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Vicki Bozen, Homer Township Clerk 6/5/2023