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DECENNIAL COMMITTEE
REPORT- ROAD DISTRICT

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I. Unit of government submitting this report:

NAME OF TOWNSHIP: JOLIET TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT ROAD DISTRICT

Note: Any local government that levies a tax, other than a municipality or county must file this report. For Road Districts in counties with populations of less than 400,000 the highway commissioner may form a joint committee to prepare one combined report. See 50 ILCS 70/10(b-5).

II. Information about our Township

- A. Joliet Township is located in WILL County. There are 24 townships in our county.
- B. The population of our Township is 84,713 as of the 2020 census.
- C. We have 64 employees of the Township (not including elected officials).
- D. We have 8 employees in our Road District (not including elected officials).
- E. Our annual budget for 2023 is \$9,985,468.
- F. Our Township's equalized assessed valuation for 2023 is \$1,558,503,483.

III. Information About Our Committee

A. Committee Members:

Township Supervisor:	Angel Contreras
Township Trustee:	Tanya Arias
Township Trustee:	Antione Edwards
Township Trustee:	Cesar Escutia
Township Trustee:	Raymond Slattery
Highway Commissioner:	Vincent Alessio
Township Resident:	Jesse Stiff
Township Resident:	Jeremy Brzycki

Note: Per 50 ILCS 70/10(b), the committee membership must include all the elected or appointed members of the township board (Supervisor and Trustees) and two residents appointed by the Supervisor. 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.

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

First (Organizational) Meeting
(must occur prior to June 10, 2023): May 9, 2023

Second Meeting: January 9, 2024

Third Meeting: March 12, 2024

Fourth Meeting: April 9, 2024

Fifth Meeting: May 14, 2024

Sixth Meeting: June 11, 2024

IV. Intergovernmental Agreements

A. We have Intergovernmental Agreements or partnerships with the following Governments.

Entity:	Services Offered:
1. City of Joliet Street Department	Work together to service residents
2. City of Joliet Park District	Salt Agreement
3. Jackson Township Road District	Salt Agreement
4. Will County Emergency Management	Radio Provider Agreement
5. Will County Emergency Management	Shared Equipment Agreement
6. Will County Highway Commissioners Association	Salt Purchase Agreement
7. Will County DOT	Strike Agreement

B. Our Township's efficiency has increased through intergovernmental cooperation in the following way.

By working with other townships and municipalities we have greater purchasing power allowing us to make taxpayer dollars go further. We are also able to provide better service to the residents of the township by coordinating our efforts with other agencies.

V. Review of Laws, Township Policies, Township Rules and Procedures, Township Training Materials, and other Documents for Road District.

- Drug Testing Policy
- Flagger Training Program
- Narcan Training Program
- Revised Road District Employee Handbook and Policies
- Sexual Harassment prevention training (775 ILCS 5/2-109 (c)) Required

- Intergovernmental Agreements
- Budget and Financial Documents
- Illinois Open Meetings Act (5ILCS 120) Online Training
- All of Elected Officials have completed OMA Training (5 ILCS 1220/1.05(b))
- Schedule of All Township Regular Meeting 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)
- FOIA Officer Training (5ILCS 140/3.5(b)) Yearly Online Training As Required
- Computation and Retention of FOIA Requests (5ILCS 140/3.5(a)) Clerk
- Posting Other Required FOIA Information (5 ILCS 140/4(a); 5 ILCS 140/4(b))
- IMRF Total Compensation Postings (5 ILCS 120/7.3)
- All of our Elected Official have filed statement of economic interests (5 ILCS 420/4A-101;5 ILCS 420/4A-101.5)
- State laws applicable to Townships, including, but not limited to the Township Code (60 ILCS)
- Sate Ethics Laws, including but not limited to the Sate Officials and Employees Ethics Acts (5 ILCS 430/1-1)

VI. What Have We Done Well?

Service requests have dropped considerably in the last ten years. This is a direct result of the JTRD work order cards we have implemented to efficiently record and assign tasks that need to be completed. We have implemented multiple ways residents can inform us of service requests i.e. phone, website and Facebook. The Road Crew response time is typically less than 24 hrs from initial request. We have been able to increase the number of large-scale construction projects allowing a large percentage of the roads maintained by the Road District to have new pavement and improved drainage. The implementation of a township wide 5 ton weight limit we have greatly reduced the amount of semi-truck traffic on township roads and has also helped to keep our roads in good condition. The road district has also taken steps to reducing the amount of dumping on township roads with the use of trail cams and help from the Will County Sheriff's Office. We have also added 2 more full time employees along with the addition of (1) Seasonal Snowplow driver and a summer internship for both the road crew and office staff.

VII. What Inefficiencies Did We Identify/ What are our Next Steps?

A struggle of the Road District has consistently been public access to our services. The Road District strives to listen and serve the community. Transparency and Public Service is why the Road District exists. We have found that many residents are unaware of the programs and services we offer. As we identified this area of need, we have taken steps over the past few years to create more ways for the public to see us at work through the implementation of our Facebook page and website and providing as much bilingual information as possible to meet the needs of our community. Our website makes it possible to submit a service request 24/7. Our website

and Facebook page also give us more ways we can educate the public about the services we offer. Through our Facebook page we are also able to give residents real time information on road conditions, road closures, and a glimpse of what we do both on the roadways and in the shop. We have had a great response from the start and our page continues to grow and attract followers.

VIII. What can we do better or More Efficiently.

While we have taken proactive steps to increase the efficiency of the road district there is more that we can do. We can continue to strive to find new ways to bring awareness to the community for the services we provide. We can continue to listen to the residents and identify areas where we can expand or improve services offered by the Road District. As the area will continue to change so must the Road District continue to change to meet the needs of our residents.

Studies on Governmental Efficiencies

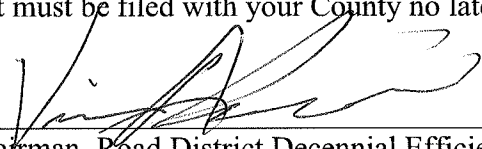
In preparing this report, we reviewed several studies on local government efficiency. These studies show that:

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.

IV. Our committee's recommendations regarding Increased Accountability and Efficiency:

Note: This Report must be filed with your County no later than 18 months after your first committee meeting.

Submitted by: 
Chairman, Road District Decennial Efficiency Committee of Joliet Township

Date: : 6/18/24