

**TOWNSHIP REPORT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH DECENNIAL COMMITTEES ON
LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY ACT**

I. Unit of government submitting this report:

NAME OF TOWNSHIP: Plainfield Township

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. We are located in Will County. There are 24 townships in our county.
- B. The population of our Township is 82,236, as of the 2020 census.
- C. We have 16 employees of the Township (not including elected officials).
- D. We have 9 employees in our Road District (not including elected officials).
- E. Our annual budget for 2023-24 is: \$3,155,794.76.
- F. Our Township's equalized assessed valuation for 2023 is \$2,959,297,997.

III. Information about Our Committee

A. Committee Members:

Township Supervisor- Al Tinsley

Township Trustee-Matt Starr

Township Trustee-Ernie Knight

Township Trustee-Eric Nelson

Township Trustee- Elaine Van Buskirk

Township Resident-Ken Carroll

Township Resident-Melanie Carroll

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 10, 2023

Second Meeting: March 13, 2024

Third Meeting: May 8, 2024

IV. Programs Offered by our Township

A. Our Township offers the following services and programs:
General assistance, emergency assistance, disabilities programs and events, senior programs, senior and disabled shuttle service, community gardens, notary service, youth programs and events, youth scholarship, passport service, marriage licenses, voter registration, medical loan closet, community mental health program, and assessor services.

V. Social Service Agreements

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

<u>Entity:</u>	<u>Services Provided:</u>
1. Allenforce	Veteran services
2. Interfaith food pantry	Food pantry
3. Thriveworks	Mental Health
4. Salvation Army	Assistance to residents
5. Catholic Charities	Assistance to residents
6. Riverfront Foundation	Community program
7. Ladder Up	Assistance to residents
8. Will County Community Concerns	Assistance to residents

B. Our residents have benefitted from these agreements in the following ways:
Shared costs reduce overall expenses for our residents while increasing the number of programs and services offered.-

VI. Awards and Recognitions

Our Township has received the following awards, distinctions, and recognitions: (List all).

- Association Of Illinois Township on Youth – Youth organization award.
- Allenforce Veterans Services – Diamond Award

Intergovernmental Agreements

A. We partner with, or have Intergovernmental Agreements, with the following other Governments (List all):

Entity:	Services Offered:
1. Forest Preserve of Will	Shared facility services
2. Plainfield Park District	Shared senior services
3. Plainfield School District	Youth programs
4. Village of Plainfield	Shared infrastructure cost agreement
5. Plainfield Library	Youth programs

Our Township's efficiency has increased through intergovernmental cooperation in the following way: Shared costs reduce overall expenses for our residents while increasing the number of programs and services offered.

VII. 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 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)
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- 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).
- Others (List Below or Attach):

VIII. What Have We Done Well? Plainfield Township has not raised taxes over the truth in taxation level in over 12 years. They have managed to improve services, add new programs and decrease debt all while maintaining a balanced budget. Plainfield Township has had spotless fiscal audits with no issues noted. Plainfield Township continues to respond to FOIA requests within the time allowed. Our intergovernmental agreements have allowed us to serve more residents effectively while keeping costs within our budget.

IX. What Inefficiencies Did We Identify/What Are our Next Steps?
It is our practice to strive for continuous improvement, we have not currently identified any new inefficiencies.

X. What Can We Do Better or More Efficiently?
Plainfield Township has a capital plan that allows us to constantly monitor our progress in a metric way to keep all our programs and services efficient and cost effective. We will continuously review this plan for increased efficiency.

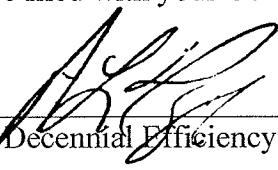
XI. Studies on Governmental Efficiencies

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.

XII. 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, Decennial Efficiency Committee of Plainfield Township

Date: