

**DECENNIAL COMMITTEE REPORT – REED TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT**

I. Unit of government submitting this report:

NAME OF TOWNSHIP: REED TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT

Note: Any local government that levies a tax, other than a municipality and county must file this report. In 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). TOI has a separate recommended report form for a consolidated report, so do not use this form for a combined report of a township and road district. TOI also has a separate recommended report form for road districts and multi-township assessment districts.

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 6,888, as of the 2022 census.
- C. We have 2 employees of the Township Road District (not including elected officials).
- D. Our annual budget for 2023 is: \$435,950.00 for the Road District.
- E. Our Township’s equalized assessed valuation for 2023 is \$670,174,810.

III. Information about Our Committee

A. Committee Members:

- Township Supervisor Sherrill Knorr
- Township Trustee Adam Beaty
- Township Trustee Steve Bolatto
- Township Trustee Ken Corbin
- Township Trustee Scott Favero
- Township Trustee Pamula Tessler
- Township Resident Thomas Nahas
- Township Resident Debra Lavicka

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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): June 7, 2023

Second Meeting: November 29, 2023

Third Meeting: March 27, 2024

IV. Intergovernmental Agreements

A. We partner with, or have Intergovernmental Agreements, with the following other Governments:

**Entity:**

**Services Provided:**

1. City of Braidwood

Maintaining Streets

V. 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 in order 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 1/ *et seq.*)

Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/1 *et seq.*)

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 140/1 *et seq.*)

- 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))
- Designation of Whistleblower Auditing Official (50 ILCS 105/4.1 *et seq.*)
- All of our Elected Officials have filed statement of economic interests (5 ILCS 420/4A-101; 5 ILCS 420/4A-101.5 *et seq.*)
- 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 *et seq.*)
- 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).

VI. What Have We Done Well?

The Highway Department has done an excellent job of maintaining the roads in the township, including plowing in the winter and mowing the road sides in the Spring, Summer and Fall.

## VII. 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 compare 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 employee mostly part time employees.

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

Submitted by: Sherrill Knorr

Chairman, Decennial Efficiency Committee of Reed Township