



REPORT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH DECENNIAL COMMITTEES ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY ACT

1. TOWNSHIP

1.1 UNIT OF GOVERNMENT SUBMITTING THIS REPORT

Name of Township: Wheatland Township
Office Address: 4232 Tower Court, Naperville, IL 60564

1.2 INFORMATION ABOUT OUR TOWNSHIP

We are in Will County, Illinois. There are 24 townships in our county.
The population of Wheatland Township is 88,883, as of the 2020 census.
We have 7 full-time employees of the Township (not including elected officials).
We have 5 full-time employees in our Road District (not including elected officials).
Our Township's budget for FY23-24 is \$1,193,974.
Our Road District's budget for FY23-24 is \$2,069,590.
The Township's equalized assessed value (EAV) for 2022 is \$4,013,411,454.

**1.3 INFORMATION ABOUT OUR COMMITTEE 1.3A
COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Township Supervisor:	Michael Crowner
Township Highway Commissioner:	Tom Wieser
Township Trustee:	Kelly Hickey
Township Trustee:	Terry Jones
Township Trustee:	Colleen Rotkis
Township Resident (Supervisor Appointed):	Tyler Boecker
Township Resident (Supervisor Appointed):	Zachary Crowner
Township Resident (Supervisor Appointed):	Jennifer Dylik
Township Resident (Supervisor Appointed):	Anita Liskey
Township Resident (Supervisor Appointed):	David Scriven-Young
Township Resident (Supervisor Appointed):	Juan Carlos Viamontes
Township Resident (Highway Appointed):	Carolyn Rominger
Township Administrator:	Bill Green



2. SERVICES

2.1 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES OFFERED BY OUR TOWNSHIP

2.1A WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP

- Scholarships for the Career & Networking Center to assist individuals in career transition or looking for professional development.
- Energy aggregation agreements allowing for combining the buying power of unincorporated residents to be more effective in negotiating rates.
- General and Emergency Assistance as required by the State of Illinois.
- Fire Extinguisher Disposal.
- Food Pantry access with the DuPage Township Food Pantry.
- Negotiated rates for disposal and recycling services for unincorporated residents.
- Mosquito control services.
- Senior social club.
- Subsidized transportation services for seniors and individuals with disabilities.
- Cemetery.
- Job training partnership with Neuqua Valley High School steps program.
- Notary services.
- Coordinate with local businesses for charitable drives (diapers, winter coats, toys for tots, etc.)

2.1B WHEATLAND TOWNSHIP HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

- Road maintenance.
- Stormwater management.
- Brush pickup.
- Mulch program.
- Unincorporate parkway tree trimming.
- ADA sidewalk compliance.
- Snow removal and winter road salting.

2.2 ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO CONSIDER

- Mental Health Services
- Youth Services
- Temporary Placard
- Healthcare Equipment Lending
- Micro-Food Pantry
- Food Bank Program
- Low Income Heating Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
- Mobile Dental Services
- Legal Assistance



- Internship Program
- Healthcare Gap Funds
- ID Bracelets
- Drug Disposal
- Passports
- Community CPR and Stop the Bleed Training
- Scholarship Programs
- Certification Programs (Babysitting, First Aid, Job Training, etc.)
- Speaker Series highlighting topics of interest to Wheatland Township residents
- Awards Programs recognizing contributions of businesses in Wheatland Township

2.3 SOCIAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS

- Will County Center for Community Concerns - Established partnership to make referrals between Wheatland Township and WCCCC on behalf of persons needing assistance with utility payments, housing, or other basic needs.

3. AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

2016 - Illinois Policy Institute Sunshine Award for Transparency

4. INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS

4.A TOWNSHIP INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS

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| Entity: | DuPage Township |
| Services Offered: | Management of Financial Assistance Programs & Access to Food Pantry |
| Entity: | PACE |
| Services Offered: | Transportation Services subsidized by Wheatland Township |
| Entity: | City of Naperville |
| Services Offered: | Grant Administration for Transportation Services |
| Entity: | Will County |
| Services Offered: | Fire Extinguisher Disposal Location |

4.B HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS

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| Entity: | City of Naperville |
| Services Offered: | Snow Plowing Agreements |
| Entity: | Plainfield Township |
| Services Offered: | Agreement Regarding Maintenance of 135th Street |



Entity: Plainfield Township
Services Offered: Joint Purchase Agreement of 2009 Vactor 2100 Truck
Entity: Wheatland Township & Wheatland Township Road District

Services Offered: Loan Agreement Between Township and Road District
Entity: Village of Plainfield
Services Offered: Snow Plowing and Salting Agreement
Entity: Village of Plainfield
Services Offered: Cooperation Agreement for Personnel, Equipment, and Material Resources
Entity: City of Aurora
Services Offered: Snow Plowing and Salting Agreement
Entity: Will County
Services Offered: Use of 800 MHz County-Wide Radio System

5. ADMINISTRATION

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.

5.1 REVIEW OF LAWS

State laws applicable to Townships, including, but not limited to the Township Code (60 ILCS)
Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120)
Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140)
State Ethics Laws, including, but not limited to the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430/11)

5.2 REVIEW OF TOWNSHIP POLICIES, RULES, AND PROCEDURES

Schedule of All Township Regular Meetings for Calendar or Fiscal Year (5 ILCS 120/2.03)
Policy on Public Comment
Employee Manual
Sexual harassment prevention training (775 ILCS 5/2-109(c))
Designation of OMA officer (5 ILCS 120/1.05(a))
All of Elected Officials have completed OMA Training (5 ILCS 120/1.05(b))
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)

5.3 OTHER DOCUMENTS

Most Recent Independent Audit

Annual Budget

Intergovernmental Agreements

Our Social Service Agreements or Contracts

6. FINAL REPORT

6.1 WHAT THE TOWNSHIP HAS DONE WELL

Our township's efficiency has increased through intergovernmental cooperation thanks to economies of scale by combining the services of multiple layers of government, avoiding unnecessary duplication of services, and resource sharing. This allows for significant cost and time savings.

6.2 INEFFICIENCIES THAT WERE IDENTIFIED

The township does not have specific measurable goals. The township should research best practices in evaluating success for government services.

6.3 NEXT STEPS

6.3A ADDITION OF NEW SERVICES

When considering adding new services at the Township, the Township should take into consideration factors such as the following:

- Cost – Ensure recommendations include a cost-conscious view with heavy focus on efficiency and ensuring any budget would be put to the best use based on expense to Wheatland as well as cost/benefit analysis for the Township residents.
- Convenience – Make it easy for residents. The Township offices are inconveniently located for many and somewhat hard to find with inadequate space for larger gatherings of events. Seek offsite venues and opportunities to promote the Township and/or offer programs/services from other locations.
- Value - Strive to identify opportunities to fill a unique need or gap in services. Don't duplicate or try to compete with offerings available elsewhere. We are lucky enough to live in an area that offers many community services and programs. As a result, our challenge is to provide



recommendations that would be viewed as new and necessary vs seeming redundant, creating perceptions of budgetary waste.

6.3B OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES

- Serve our community - provide new benefits, extend reach
 - Identify new services/programming that will provide new value, fill an outstanding need or reach an underserved community within the township.
 - Increase recognition of and participation in programs/offerings
 - Build sense of community
 - Leverage initiatives to foster greater community
- Elevate our profile - raise awareness/increase understanding, influence positive perceptions
 - Position WT as an important institution, valuable service provider that makes significant contributions to the residents within the township.
 - Establish WT as go-to resource for residents and businesses within its communities.
 - Promote WT initiatives, events and achievements to residents, local businesses as well as other governing bodies within the township, as well as in the county and state.

6.3C ENHANCING COMMUNICATIONS

- Create Wheatland Township branded signage to be displayed at all sponsored events and community activities to increase visibility of Wheatland Township and generate awareness of our efforts.
- Enlisting other community organizations to extend the reach of Wheatland Township communication and promotion.
 - Create monthly/bi-monthly email update of news and events and send to local organizations, outlets and media
 - Develop email distribution lists
 - local churches, charitable organizations, etc.
 - neighboring govt. organizations, subdivision newsletter editors, local media.
 - administrative offices at schools within WT for distribution of youth-related services and programs
 - County and State officials
 - Identify local businesses (restaurants, libraries, govt offices, etc.) that have community bulletin boards and post information/flyers (as appropriate)
 - Expand distribution of quarterly newsletter to include new contact lists (above)
- Drive more traffic (new and repeat) to the Township website.
 - Post more timely, value-added content such as:
 - calendar of township-sponsored and other local events, including events of nearby governmental bodies, businesses, and charitable organization.
 - referral list of local service providers.
 - summaries of new laws and their impacts on residents and businesses. □ services provided by other local governmental bodies.

6.4 FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS OF INCREASED ACCOUNTABILITY AND EFFICIENCY

When evaluating new services, the township should consider establishing goals for evaluating the success or value of the program. Should the program not achieve its specified goals, it would be appropriate to



reevaluate the program and determine whether it is in the best interest of the township and its residents to continue offering the service.

Finalized this day:

February 8, 2024

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Crowner", is written over a horizontal line.

Michael Crowner

Chair, Wheatland Township Decennial Committee