

**SAMPLE TOWNSHIP REPORT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH DECENNIAL  
COMMITTEES ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY ACT  
(For Townships Only)**

I. Unit of government submitting this report:

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NAME OF TOWNSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_ WILL 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).

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 \_\_\_\_\_ 1821 \_\_\_\_\_, as of the 2020 census.

C. We have \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_ 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: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 117373 \_\_\_\_\_.

F. Our Township's equalized assessed valuation for 2023 is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ 51607597 \_\_\_\_\_.

III. Information about Our Committee

A. Committee Members:

Township Supervisor Brian Cann

Township Trustee Paul Kwaitkowski

Township Trustee \_\_\_ Warren Asbrand

Township Trustee \_\_\_\_\_ Holly Maves

Township Trustee Mark Heisner

Township Resident \_ Jarrod Maves

Township Resident Steve Jacobson

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 2, 2023

Second Meeting: August 1, 2023

Third Meeting: Sept 5, 2023

Additional Meetings (List All): \_\_\_\_\_, 2023

IV. Programs Offered by our Township.

A. Our Township offers the following services and programs: (List programs like general assistance, youth programs, senior programs, community programs, LIHEAP, etc.) (If not applicable, remove this). General Assistance, Will-Ride transport, Peotone H.S. Scholarship, Interactivity with Will County Ctr for Community concerns, monetary, logistical support to the Peotone Cemetery Association

B. Other services/programs we could possibly provide:

V. Social Service Agreements

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

**Entity:**

**Services Provided:**

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| 1. Will-Ride                              | Transportation for disabled, qualified seniors |
| 2. Will County Ctr for Community Concerns | Basic needs satisfaction for constituents      |
| 3.  |  |
| 4.  |  |
| 5.  |  |

B. Our residents have benefitted from these agreements in the following ways:  
Able to pay their household bills, heating their homes, transport to medical facilities

C. We have considered possibly offering the following social services or the following additional potential partnerships:

VI. Awards and Recognitions

Our Township has received the following awards, distinctions, and recognitions: (List all). Although we have not received any specific awards for extraordinary achievement in township affairs, we have been able to live within our means with no debt outstanding. This fiscal challenge has been made more difficult over the last several years with the continued and misguided effort of Illinois government to place a passenger, now freight airport in Will township. The once tax-producing properties the state of Illinois now owns continue to be open and farmed areas. Most buildings have been unnecessarily razed through the efforts of IDOT. In the face of all this, Will Township has had a balanced budget for the last 23 years, and that budget has not increased more than 2% over the last 5 years

VII. Intergovernmental Agreements

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

Entity:	Services Offered:
1. Will County	Will-Ride
2.	
3.	
4.	
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B. Our Township’s efficiency has increased through intergovernmental cooperation in the following way (list cost savings, avoiding duplicated services, etc.):

VIII. 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 We hire an independent CPA to do our annual ATR
- State Ethics Laws, including, but not limited to the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430/1-1)
- Our budget and financial documents, this is redundant
- 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):

IX. What Have We Done Well? (List any budget/levy freezes or reductions in the past decade; list new programs or services offered to residents over the past decade; list any ethics ordinances adopted; timely FOIA compliance; responsiveness to public; list any new intergovernmental agreements or social services offered; list any increase in number of township residents served, etc.) As reported previously, we have had a balanced budget for the last 23 years, with minimal increases in levy and budget appropriations. We are very transparent with revenues and expenses reporting. The road commissioner and assessor give reports at every board meeting. The trustees are privy to every facet of fiscal matters relative to township finances. We allow our constituents an opportunity to present their concerns at the beginning of our monthly board meetings. We occasionally have elected officials, law enforcement, and persons of interest in our community attend our board meetings to present the issues our county, state, and local governments are dealing with and how their actions may affect us in our township.

X. What Inefficiencies Did We Identify/What Are our Next Steps?  
We unfortunately live in a state of inefficiency. Illinois has to be one of the worst if not the worst in responsible fiscal management. To become more efficient at the township level, we have to get our county, state and federal officials to stop promoting their personal agendas and look at the larger picture for the future of eastern Will County. At the local level, we are left without a voice on decisions that affect our community and well-being. The decisions made to develop Centerpoint, Amazon’s presence in Will County, and now the renewed efforts to revive the politically driven pipe dream, the proposed passenger/freight airport at Bult Field seriously affect us in Will township, but we, the real stakeholders, are seldom if ever invited to the table. Eastern Will County continues to be a ‘whipping boy’ for the decisions of Illinois, Will County, and Cook County. If Will township could do better and more efficient, then we should have a ,much bigger say about what happens in eastern Will county.

XI. What Can We Do Better or More Efficiently?

XII. 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.

XIII. Our committee's recommendations regarding Increased Accountability and Efficiency: Township government is where the heart of real government is focused, It's where the rubber meets the road. A township's connection to the community needs, citizen expectations and local decisions is imperative to the survival of Illinois communities. Local government is the government closest to the people. No municipality or county is fully prepared to take on the roles and responsibilities of townships. ( The previous statements are excerpts from a T.O.I. interview with State senator Paul Facaci) I couldn't say it better than what Senator Facaci has stated.

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

Submitted by: Brian Cann   
 Chairman, Decennial Efficiency Committee of WILL TOWNSHIP

Date:  
 SEPTEMBER 8, 2023

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