

**SAMPLE TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT REPORT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH
DECENNIAL COMMITTEES ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY ACT
(For Township Road Districts Only)**

I. Unit of government submitting this report:

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NAME OF Road District: _____ WILL _____

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 Road District

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: \$ _____ 424600 _____.

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

III. Information about Our Committee

A. Committee Members:

Township Highway Commissioner _____ Bruce Hamann

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: September 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 transportation, Donations to Will County charities, scholarships for Will Township Seniors, Peotone cemetery assistance

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:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

B. Our residents have benefitted from these agreements in the following ways:

The local social service organizations that we donate to provide a variety of services to our residents. The township is provided annual reports from these organizations that list the number of Will Township residents that have benefited.

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

VI. Awards and Recognitions

Our Township Road District has received the following awards, distinctions, and recognitions: (List all). Although we have no specific distinctions or recognitions to report, our road district commissioner has received many accolades over the years for his ability to work with neighboring townships to get specific projects planned, constructed, and completed. We have had no work related injuries reported for the last 25 years.

VII. Intergovernmental Agreements

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

Entity:	Services Offered:
1. Wil-Ride	Transportation for seniors, disabled
2. Washington Township	Shared road work solutions
3. Peotone township	Shared road work solutions
4. Sumner township	Shared road work solutions
5. Village of Peotone	Shared road work solutions
6. Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid (13 Northern Illinois counties)	
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8.	
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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.): Through the efforts of our road district commissioner, we have significantly reduced costs of road construction by working with other township in jointly sharing equipment. By sharing equipment we can reduce the burden on Will Township taxpayers through intergovernmental agreements that allow equipment sharing rather than buying the equipment for our own inventory.

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

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)

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).

_____ 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.) Effective budget and fiscal control. Our 2024 FYE budget is \$17060 less than FYE 2019. This performance is exceptional when you take into consideration that the State of Illinois has taken approximately 4060 acres off our tax base. EFFICIENT labor cost control by utilizing qualified part-time labor-ROADS, culverts, ditches are maintained- ADEQUATE road signage-GOOD rapport with residents- PROPER compliance with TOIRMA and risk management – FOIA in compliance with timely response- MAINTAINING roads that service state-owned properties with any regular assistance from IDOT- INTERPRETING the requirements of ARPA and making the extra effort to secure available federal funding for projects in Will Township that would have been otherwise undoable.- WE PROVIDE a warming facility during severe cold weather and we respond to the special needs of constituents relative to the opening of snow covered roads for safe travel to critical locations.-PUBLIC SAFETY has always been a priority

X. What Inefficiencies Did We Identify/What Are our Next Steps?

XI. What Can We Do Better or More Efficiently? We are working on a plan for forecasting equipment replacement so as to do a better job of managing capital equipment purchases.

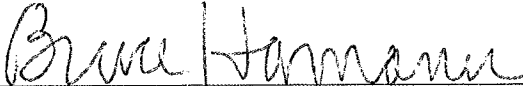
XII. Studies on Governmental Efficiencies

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: Continuance of the township form of government, especially in low density population areas of the state, county is critical to a healthy community. Townships are more responsive to local needs of our constituents than the county or state are capable of doing. Also, townships are exceptionally more fiscally efficient than the state of Illinois and county governments

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

Submitted by: Bruce Hamann 
Chairman, Decennial Efficiency Committee of Will township Road District
Date: September 9, 2023