

DECENNIAL COMMITTEE REPORT – ROAD DISTRICT

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

I. MAINE TOWNSHIP

**NAME OF Road District: MAINE TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT**

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 Road District

- A. We are in Cook County. There are 29 townships in our county.
- B. The population of our Township is 140,600, as of the 2020 census.
- C. We have 41 employees, in the year 2022, of the Township (not including elected officials).
- D. We have 6 employees in our Road District (not including elected officials).
- E. Our annual budget for 2023 is: \$2,963,729.00.
- F. Our Township's equalized assessed valuation for 2021 is \$4,701,209,638.00. (2023 numbers not available).

III. Information about Our Committee

A. Committee Members:

Township Highway Commissioner:	Ed Beauvais, Chairman
Township Supervisor:	Karen Dimond
Township Clerk/Resident:	Peter Gialamas
Township Assessor/Resident:	Susan Moylan Krey
Township Trustee:	Kimberly Jones
Township Trustee:	Kelly Horvath
Township Trustee:	James Maher
Township Trustee:	Asif Malik

Note: Per 50 ILCS 70/10(b), the committee membership must include all 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 23, 2023
- Second Meeting: July 25, 2023
- Third Meeting: September 26, 2023
- Additional Meeting: October 24, 2023  
(Vote to Approve September 26, 2023, Meeting Minutes  
And October 24, 2023, Meeting Minutes)

IV. Awards and Recognitions

Our Township Road District has received the following awards, distinctions, and recognitions:

Recognition for Community Parade Participation and Touch a Truck Events

V. Intergovernmental Agreements

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

1. *Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network* Provides mutual aid response and Recovery assistance during major Natural or manmade emergencies And disasters
2. Cook County Group Purchases Negotiated discounted bulk prices
3. Metropolitan Water Reclamation Group (MWRD) Partnering on drainage project
4. Cook County Sheriff IGA regarding Issuance of Citations
5. Cook County Building & Zoning Works together to issue Permits & Waiver Letters

B. Our Township's efficiency has increased through intergovernmental cooperation in the following way:

By sharing equipment and partnering on purchasing agreements, we can save money and provide improved services to the community.

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

We have received 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 office (5 ILCS 140/3.5(a))
- FOIA Officer Training (5 ILCS 140/3.5(b)) YEARLY ONLINE TRAINING AS REQUIRED
- Computation and Retention of FOIA Requests (5 ILCS 140/3.5(a))
- Posting Other Required FOIA Information (5 ILCS 140/4(a); 5 ILCS 130/4(b))
- 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)
- Whistleblower Annual Policy review YEARLY AS REQUIRED
- 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 budget and financial documents
- State Ethics Laws, including, but not limited to the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430/1-1)
- 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 Wendall Cox, (January 2012)

VII. What Have We Done Well?

1. No Increase in Levy Request by means of Utilization of Reserve
2. Recycling Programs
3. Promotion of Reduced Cost MWRD Rain Barrel Program
4. LED transition of Streetlights
5. Emphasis on Early Bidding for Annual Projects
6. Our roads and sidewalks, curbs and gutters are well maintained
7. Involved and active within the unincorporated and incorporated community with many local events.

VIII. What Inefficiencies Did We Identify/What Are Our Next Steps?

1. Need to expand information available on Website and better utilization of Township Facebook Page
2. Recognizing residents desire for Local Government Contact List
3. Need to improve communication with local government agencies/municipalities.

IX. What Can We Do Better or More Efficiently?

1. Expand information on Website and Township Facebook Page
2. Compose list of updated local government and municipality contact list
3. Initiate increased contact and coordination with local governments and municipalities and partner together to coordinate projects for the betterment of the community.

X. Studies on Government Efficiencies

In preparing this report, we reviewed several studies on local government efficiency. These studies show that:

- Over the past 20 years, townships have had a smaller increase in taxation than any other type of government (state, county, municipality, school district and special district). Township wages and salaries have been shown to be less than those of other types of Illinois governments.
- Providing value for taxpayers is always in the forefront of priorities. In addition to goods and services, labor is a category where smaller governments entities like townships tend to rely on less expensive, part-time labor to a greater degree than larger governments. Salaries tend to be substantially lower in smaller units of government, as well.
- Township financial performance cannot be compared to cities, villages, and towns due to the fact that they represent two different forms of local government with different functions. Arguments to do away with township government would leave the community lacking in essential services, as there are not overlapping services.

Expenditure increases by types of government in Illinois for the period of 1992 to 2012 indicate townships have the lowest expenditure increase:

- State of Illinois had just under a 60% increase
- Counties had just under 50% increase
- Municipalities had an approximate 53% increase
- School Districts had an approximate 70% increase
- Special Districts had an approximate 37% increase
- Townships had an approximate 17% increase

XI. Our committee's recommendations regarding Increased Accountability and Efficiency:

To address the concerns found in this report and continue to build on our strengths and provide the community with the best possible services for the least amount of tax dollars.

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

Submitted by: Ed Beauvais, Highway Commissioner  
Chair, Road District Decennial Efficiency Committee of Maine Township

Date: September 26, 2023



**Maine Township Highway Department Contact Reference Sheet**

**UNINCORPORATED Maine Township:**

Resource Information	Office Phone Number/ Fax Number	Email	Website
Maine Township - Town Hall 1400 Ballard Road, Park Ridge, IL 60068 Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9AM – 5PM Assessor: Monday - Friday 9AM – 4PM Passport Services – Monday – Friday 9AM – 3PM MaineStay: Monday – Thursday 9AM – 8PM ( Friday 9AM – 5PM)	(847) 297-2510 F: (847) 297-1335	<a href="mailto:info@mainetown.com">info@mainetown.com</a>	Mainetown.com
Maine Township Highway Department 1401 Redeker Road, Des Plaines, IL 60016 Hours: Monday – Friday 7AM – 3:30 PM *MUST CALL FOR APPOINTMENT*	(847) 297-5225 F: (847) 297-8723	<a href="mailto:highway@mainetown.com">highway@mainetown.com</a>	Mainetown.com
Gene's Village Towing	(847) 537-9693		
Emergency Situation (Police/Fire/Medical)	911		
Cook County Highway Department (Ballard)	(847) 827-1164		
IDOT (Techny Yard)	(847) 272-1246		
Tollway Construction	(800) 865-5394		
Utilities Locator – JULIE (CALL BEFORE YOU DIG) Same phone number for all areas of Maine Township	(800) 892-0123		
Water Company – Aqua (24-hour line)	(877) 987-2782		

**INCORPORATED Maine Township**

Resource Information	Office Phone Number/ Fax Number	Email	Website
City of Des Plaines 1420 Miner Street, Des Plaines, IL 60016 Hours: 8:30AM – 5PM Public Works Hours: 7:30AM – 4:30PM	(847) 391-5300  (847) 391-5464		<a href="http://www.desplaines.org">www.desplaines.org</a>
City of Park Ridge 505 Butler Place, Park Ridge, IL 60068 Hours: Monday – Friday 8AM – 5PM	(847) 318-5200		<a href="http://www.parkridge.us">www.parkridge.us</a>
Village of Glenview 2500 East Lake Avenue, Glenview, IL 60026 Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30AM – 4:30PM	(847) 724-1700		<a href="http://glenview.il.us/government">glenview.il.us/government</a>
Village of Morton Grove 6101 Capulina Avenue, Morton Grove, IL 60053 Hours: Monday – Friday 8:30AM – 5PM 24 Hour Municipal Hotline	(847) 965-4100 F: (847) 965-4162  (847) 663-6161		<a href="mailto:vmg@mortongroveil.ogr">vmg@mortongroveil.ogr</a>
Village of Niles 1000 Civic Center Drive, Niles, IL 60714 Building Department Public Works	(847) 588-8000  (847) 588-8040 (847) 588-7900		VNILES.COM
Village of Rosemont 7048 N Barry Street, Rosemont, IL 60018 Hours: Monday – Friday 7AM – 3PM Water Information Public Service Non Emergency (non working hours)	(847) 698-3744 F: (847) 671-4543  (847) 698-3744 (847) 823-1134		Rosemont.com