

RESOLUTION NO 2025-4

OPPOSE TOWNSHIP CONSOLIDATION INTO COUNTY GOVERNMENT

MAINE TOWNSHIP, Cook County, Illinois

Whereas **SB 2504**, **SB 2217** and **HB 2515**, introduced by the 104th Illinois General Assembly in March 2025 is asking for the consolidation of township government.

WHEREAS The Board of Township Trustees of the Township of Maine in the County of Cook is opposed to these initiatives and recognizes that Townships in Illinois provide many services outside of the three statutory obligations of road and bridge maintenance, property assessment and general assistance; and

WHEREAS, The Board Trustees of the Township of Maine recognize the following:

The legislation does not consider that over 72,000 miles of roads are maintained by road districts in Illinois and approximately 12,000 bridges; and

That current state law exists that allows a township to consolidate if the initiative is brought with voter approval; and

Past attempts like those provided for in this legislation have failed in Illinois; and

The research has proven that such attempts result in increased costs overall for local government; and

Township Government has the lowest debt and expense per capita in local government and taxpayers; and

This would eliminate many community-based services that are important to the public.

PASSED THIS 25th day of March, 2025 by then The Township Board of Trustees duly assembled at the Maine Township, Cook County, Illinois.


KIMBERLY JONES, Trustee

KELLY HORVATH, Trustee

KAREN DIMOND, Supervisor



JAMES MAHER, Trustee



ASIF MALIK, Trustee



PETER GIALAMAS, Clerk