

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

I. Unit of government submitting this report:

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NAME OF TOWNSHIP: Sidney 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).

II. Information about our Township

A. We are located in Champaign County. There are 29 townships in our county.

B. The population of our Township is 1709, as of the 2020 census.

C. We have 1 employees of the Township (not including elected officials).

D. We have 3 employees in our Road District (not including elected officials). ____
Employees on an as needed basis.

E. Our annual budget for 2023 is: Town \$ 421,165.00 Road District 301,000

F. Our Township's equalized assessed valuation for 2023 is \$ 68,301,580

III. Information about Our Committee

A. Committee Members:

Township Supervisor - Tim Osterbur

Township Highway Commissioner - Jeff Roberts

Township Trustee - Ryan Mumm

Township Trustee - Jeremy Nelson

Township Trustee - Jason Robinson

Township Trustee - Chad Wendling

Township Resident (Supervisor Appointment) - Jamie Willard

Township Resident (Supervisor Appointment) - Becky Bennett

Township Resident (Highway Comm. Appointment) - Jim Nonman

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, 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): June 7, 2023

Second Meeting: March 13, 2024

Third Meeting: June 12, 2024

**EACH OF THESE SECTIONS ARE TO BE COMPLETED SEPARATELY BY
THE ROAD DISTRICT AND THE TOWNSHIP AND INCLUDED AS TWO
PARTS OF THE SUBMITTED REPORT**



IV. Programs Offered by our Township.

A. Our Township offers the following services and programs:

- General Assistance
- Upkeep and maintenance of 3 cemeteries (Mt. Hope, Bliss and Lynn Grove)
- John Doe/ Jane Doe Burial Service for Champaign County
- Assessor Services
- General Information
- Upkeep and maintenance of 66 miles of roads in the township which includes oiling, chipping, sign maintenance, debris removal and the overall maintenance of the roads

B. Other services/programs we could possibly provide:

Blood Drives
Establish Food Bank
Youth Groups

V. Social Service Agreements

A. We partner with the following not for profits to offer social services:

Entity:

Services Provided:

1. Village of Sidney

use of equipment and manpower, help with major storm cleanup and dumpster day

2. Champaign County

Pickup, deliver an return of election equipment held

3. Surrounding Townships

Loan of equipment and manpower for various situations on an as needed basis

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

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

VI. Intergovernmental Agreements

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

Village of Sidney, Sidney Fire Department

Our Township's efficiency has increased through intergovernmental cooperation in the following way (list cost savings, avoiding duplicated services, etc.):

Bidding of Insurance, projects. Using the resources of other Townships as we help each other and share equipment for larger projects vs sub-contractors
Road District – N/A

VII. 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
- 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):

VIII. What Have We Done Well?

- Maintain good relationship/communication with surrounding townships
- Not exceeded our tax caps
- Tax Levies and Budgets approved by our board and filed with county in a timely manner.
- Respond to FOIA requests
- Address public issues in a timely manner
- We remain financially responsible and have not raised Taxes in several years
- Posted schedule of monthly meetings as set by the board (time, date and location)
- All elected officials have and continue to complete Statement of Economic Interest forms and have submitted to the county Clerk's Office in a timely manner.

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

Cemetery Maintenance needs to be scheduled more frequently and get the community more involved with the upkeep.

X. What Can We Do Better or More Efficiently?

Attend more training and regional conferences offered by TOI.

XI. Studies on Governmental Efficiencies

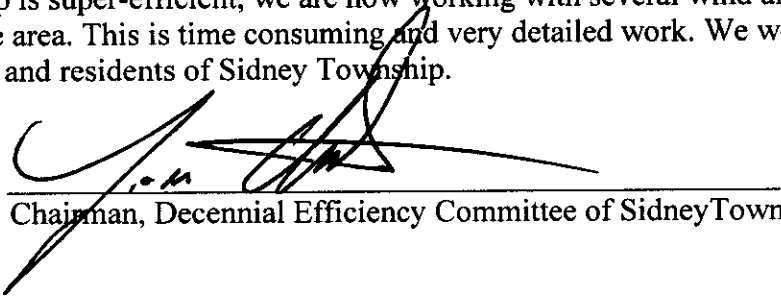
In preparing this report, we reviewed several studies on local government efficiency. These studies show that:

- 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.

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

This Township is super-efficient, we are now working with several wind and solar company's building in the area. This is time consuming and very detailed work. We work hard to protect our roads, bridges and residents of Sidney Township.

Submitted by:



Chairman, Decennial Efficiency Committee of Sidney Township

Date:

