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BURTON TOWNSHIP & ROAD DISTRICT DECENNIAL REPORT

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Submitted to McHenry County Clerk in compliance with decennial committees on local government efficiency act

I. Unit of government submitting this report: **BURTON TOWNSHIP & ROAD DISTRICT**

II. Information about **BURTON TOWNSHIP**

A. *Burton Township* is located in McHenry County. There are **17** townships in the County

B. The population of *Burton Township* is **4,820**, 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).

E. **BURTON TOWNSHIP** budget(s) 2024-25: **\$ 347,038 / Road District \$429,328**

F. **BURTON TOWNSHIP's** equalized assessed valuation for 2024 is **\$186,256.733**

G. TOTAL Parcels **3223**

III. **Information about Burton Township Decennial Committee**

A. **Committee Members:**

Township Supervisor **John Flood**

Township Trustee **Lee Borresen**

Township Trustee **Cindy May**

Township Trustee **Eileen Miller**

Township Trustee **Dawn Stanton**

Township Resident **Dan Sutton**

Township Resident **April Shetsky**

B. **Dates that Burton Township Decennial Committee Met (50 ILCS 70/20)**

First (Organizational) Meeting **May 9, 2023**

Second Meeting: **August 8, 2023**

Third Meeting: **July 9, 2024**

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IV. Programs Offered by Burton Township.

A. Our Township offers the following services and programs:

- **General assistance for the indigent**
- **Assessment of real property for the basis of local taxation**
- **Maintenance of all roads and bridges outside federal, state, and other local jurisdiction**

B. Other services/programs we could possibly provide:

- **N/A: Burton TWP is a parttime time governing body as most board members hold full time employment positions**

V. Social Service Agreements

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

<u>Entity:</u>	<u>Services Provided:</u>
1. Helping Hands Food Pantry	Annual Donation
2. Spring Grove Recreation Program	Annual Donation
3. Spring Grove Hatchery	Annual Donation

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

- Food for needy
- Athletics for children
- Family activities and preservation of historical information

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

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VI. Awards and Recognitions

- Recognized for contribution to Helping Hands Food Pantry
- Recognized for contribution to McHenry County Historical Society

VII. Intergovernmental Agreements

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

<u>Entity:</u>	<u>Services Offered:</u>
1. Richmond Township	Senior Transportation
2. McHenry Township	EA / GA

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

- Senior Transportation eliminating duplicate costs

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

Burton Township's Decennial Committee reviewed the following, non-exhaustive list of laws, policies, training materials, and other documents applicable to the Township to evaluate 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))

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- 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 Burton Township 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)
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- 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).

IX. What Have We Done Well?

- Provide food, shelter and emergency relief for needy people
- Road District Snow & ICE Management
- Property Assessment
- Establish the value of all real property in the township

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

- All Elected Officials complete OMA training
- Complete FOIA Officer Training

XI. What Can We Do Better or More Efficiently?

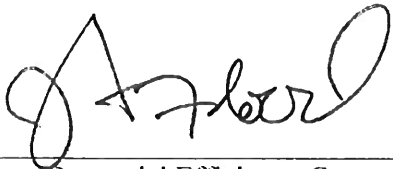
- N/A Burton Township is a part time government entity as board members work full time jobs

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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.

Submitted by: 
Chairman, Decennial Efficiency Committee of BURTON Township

Date: 7/24/2024

* Report reviewed & approved by
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