



ALGONQUIN TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT REPORT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH DECENNIAL COMMITTEES ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY ACT

I. ALGONQUIN TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT

NAME OF ROAD DISTRICT: ALOGONQUIN 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 Township

- A. We are located in MCHENRY County. There are 17 townships in our county.
- B. The population of our Township is 87,633, as of the 2020 census.
- C. We have 9 employees of the Township (not including elected officials).
- D. We have 13 employees in our Road District (not including elected officials).
- E. Our annual budget for 2024-2025 is: \$1,900,000.00 for Road and Bridge Fund and \$890,200 for the Equipment and Building Fund.
- F. Our Township’s equalized assessed valuation for 2024 is \$3,329,382,433.00

III. Information about Our Committee

A. Committee Members:

- Township Highway Commissioner: Danijela M. Sandberg
- Township Trustee: Teresa Sharpe Decker
- Township Trustee: Nicole Kunkle
- Township Trustee: Millie Mependorf
- Township Trustee: Theresa Fronzak
- Township Resident: David Slavick
- Township Resident: Richard Tado
- Township Resident: Mark Guerra

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: July 31, 2024
Second Meeting: August 14, 2024
Third and Final Meeting: November 13, 2024

IV. Programs Offered by our Road District

Our Road District offers the following services and programs:

- Road maintenance programs:
 - Road maintenance including, plowing, snow and ice control including replacement of any damaged mailboxes within the right of way after assessment
 - Right of way mowing
 - Pothole patching
 - Culvert replacement
 - Ditching
 - Resurface, patch and repair township roads, shoulders and ditches
 - Maintain, repair and replace more than 800 warning, informational and regulatory signs and post
 - Street sweep township maintained roads
 - Tree trimming and tree removal
 - 24/7 year-round emergency on call services
 - Residential brush pick up and drop off
 - Year round log drop off
 - Free mulch to all Algonquin Township residents, municipalities and local community organizations
- Daily Recycling programs:
 - Cardboard, plastic and glass bottles
 - Clothing and shoes
 - Styrofoam
 - Newspaper
 - Daily small electronics
 - Children's books
 - Car and truck tires
 - Eyeglasses and hearing aids
 - American flags
- April-October Specialized Recycling:
 - One free tv, flat screen or computer monitor for township residents only
 - Used motor and cooking oil
 - Car and marine batteries

- Latex, water and oil-based paint and stains through our third-party vendor, EarthPaint.org
- Additional services:
 - Transportation for seniors and individuals with disabilities within township boundaries
 - Christmas tree drop off
 - Right of Way permitting for utility companies
- Community Outreach
 - Utilization of Community Room 6B for organizations such as, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Line Dancing, Book and Garage Sales for the Environmental Defenders of McHenry County
 - Set up of tent, tables and chairs for our municipalities, non-for-profit-organization
 - Touch-A-Truck
 - Residential Shredding Events in April and October
 - Early Voting location
 - Shop with a Cop
- Other services/programs we can consider providing:
 - Plastic bag recycling
 - Lightbulb recycling
 - Composting

V. Awards and Recognitions

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

- E-mails from residents that were happy with their services
- Cards and Letters from various groups who we interact with
 - (McHenry County Environmental Defenders (book sale and garage sale)
 - AmVets
 - Veterans Network Committee
 - Fox River Grove Lions Club
 - Norge Ski Club
 - Fox River Grove Police Department

VI. Organizations – Membership

- American Public Works Association
- McHenry County Township Highway Commissioners Association
- Illinois Public Works Mutual Aide Network
- West Central Illinois Highway Commissioners Association
- East Central Illinois Highway Commissioners
- Township Officials of Illinois
- Township Highway Commissioners of Illinois

- Cary-Grove Chamber of Commerce
- McHenry County Council of Government
- McHenry County Purchasing Initiative
- McHenry County Coordinating Council

VII. Inventory

- See attached (attached to hard copies)

VIII. Financials

- 2017-ytd RB (attached to hard copies)
- 2017-ytd EB (attached to hard copies)
- Yearly Audit FY2017-2024 (attached to hard copies)

IX. Intergovernmental Agreements

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

Entity:	Services Offered:
1. Algonquin Township	Various Services, see attached
2. Algonquin Township GA	Bus Services
3. Village of Oakwood Hills	Salt Purchase and vehicle storage
4. Village of Trout Valley	Salt Purchase/storage, brine purchase
5. Township Assessor	Purchase of fuel for vehicles
6. Illinois Department of Transportation	Salt Storage

B. Our Road District's efficiency has increased through intergovernmental cooperation in the following way: Selling and sharing equipment and services within the township and with other local townships.

X. 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 Road Districts, including, but not limited to the Highway Code (60 ILCS)

Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120)

Policy on public comment

Designation of OMA officer (5 ILCS 120/1.05(a))

- X All of Elected Officials have completed OMA Training (5 ILCS 120/1.05(b))
- X Schedule of All Township Regular Meetings for Calendar or Fiscal Year (5 ILCS 120/2.03)
- X Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140)
- X Designation of FOIA officer (5 ILCS 140/3.5(a))
- X FOIA Officer Training (5 ILCS 140/3.5(b))
- X Computation and Retention of FOIA Requests (5 ILCS 140/3.5(a))
- X Posting Other Required FOIA Information (5 ILCS 140/4(a); 5 ILCS 140/4(b))
- X List of Types or Categories of FOIA Records under Township's Control (5 ILCS 140/5)
- N/A Periodic Meetings to Review Closed Meeting Minutes (5 ILCS 120/2.06(d))
- X IMRF Total Compensation Postings (5 ILCS 120/7.3)
- X Designation of Whistleblower Auditing Official (50 ILCS 105/4.1)
- X All of our Elected Officials have filed a statement of economic interests (5 ILCS 420/4A-101; 5 ILCS 420/4A-101.5)
- X Sexual harassment prevention training (775 ILCS 5/2-109(c))
- X Our Intergovernmental Agreements
- N/A Our Social Service Agreements or Contracts
- X Our budget and financial documents
- X State Ethics Laws, including, but not limited to the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430/1-1)
- X 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).

XI. What Have We Done Well? The Algonquin Township Road District has kept its levy frozen and/or reduced it for over 6 years; the district, despite the previous administrations, has lowered legal fees for the last 4 years. The district has renegotiated a union contract so that we may continue to maintain roads. We have streamlined recycling programs since May 2021 to date. The district has renegotiated multiple contracts for recycling cardboard and commingled recyclables.

XII. What Inefficiencies Did We Identify/What Are our Next Steps?
More intergovernmental agreements. Identifying ways to reduce taxpayer dollars, such as modifying the programs and adjusting overtime schedules for the staff. Optimize efficiency by attempting to improve projections of road wear and resurfacing programs. Notwithstanding doing our due diligence on seeking out lower cost fuel, purchasing vehicles or equipment within a consortium of other municipalities.

XIII. What Can We Do Better or More Efficiently?

- McHenry County Division of Transportation Salt Storage
- McHenry County Sheriff's Office Fuel storage/Purchase
- Village of Cary Tub Grinding

XIV. 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.

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

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XVI. Attachments:

- IUOE, Local 150 Collective Bargaining Agreement,
- Township Sealcoating Map (Spearheaded by the Road District)
- Algonquin Township Map
- Compliments/Complaints
- Budgets from FY 2017-2024 for Road/Bridge and Equipment/Building
- Intergovernmental Agreement with Algonquin Township
- Highway Code

Submitted by: Danijela M. Sandberg, Chairman, Decennial Efficiency Committee of Algonquin Township Road District, Dated: December 19, 2024