

**DECENNIAL COMMITTEES ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY ACT**

**SHIPMAN TOWNSHIP**

I. About our Township

- A. We are located in Macoupin County.
- B. The population of our Township is 1443, as of the 2010 census.
- C. Our annual budget for 2023 is: \$ 183,800.

II. Our Committee

A. Committee Members:

Township Supervisor: Benjamin Wegener

Township Highway Commissioner: John D. Wilson

Township Trustee: Anthony Reed

Township Trustee: Kevin Albert

Township Trustee: Robert Egelhoff

Township Trustee: David Burns

Township Resident (Township Clerk): Susan Hagen

Township Resident (Supervisor Appointment): Michael Angel

Township Resident (Highway Comm. Appointment): Jacob Reno

B. Committee Meeting Dates:

First (Organizational) Meeting: May 16, 2023

Second Meeting: January 17, 2024

Third Meeting: February 21, 2024

### III. Review Laws, Township Policies, Township Rules and Procedures, Township Training Materials, and other Documents

We have reviewed, a non-exhaustive list of laws, policies, training materials, and other documents applicable to the Township to evaluate our compliance.

Including but not limited to the following: 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 (5ILCS 120/2.03), Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140), Periodic Meetings to Review Closed Meeting Minutes (5 ILCS 120/2.06(d)), 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 budget and financial document, State Ethics Laws, including, but not limited to the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430/1-1), and our budget and financial documents.

### IV. What Have We Done Well?

1. Completion in 2024 a shop and office building for the township. We never had one prior to this.
2. Collaborated with surrounding townships.
3. Hired Contract Assessors because of a vacant Elected Assessor seat. Contract Assessor has done well making sure new construction and properties are assessed and taxed fairly for both the township and the citizens that live in it.

### V. What Inefficiencies Did We Identify?

1. Property tax payment to our Township funds were delayed from the County in the past. During the timeframe of our meetings, this has gotten more efficient and pointed out in Government Efficiencies.
2. With direct deposits becoming the norm, it seems to be inefficient for the State to continue their payments to townships with paper checks.
3. Communication in the County.
  - a. It could be beneficial for Township governmental units to get reports/info from the County Road Commissioner and the County Board.
    - i. There could be topics or ideas that can be discussed as well as information that could allow us to operate more efficiently.
4. Adjoining Townships working together.
  - a. The County could promote townships working together to share resources.

- i. Being in a rural area, other townships may have equipment that would be helpful to the other.
- ii. Could also share man-power (labor).

VI. What Can We Do Better or More Efficiently?

- 1. File and fill out reports electronically and use less paper.
- 2. Eventually purchase newer equipment that works more efficiently with less break-downs.

VII. Governmental Efficiencies

- 1. We discussed how property tax payments seem to be getting paid more efficiently to the townships.
  - a. The County Treasurer has set us up with direct deposit payments.
    - i. This has allowed payments to be timely.

Submitted by:



Chairman, Decennial Efficiency Committee of Shipman Township

Date: 4/2/2024