

**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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STAUNTON 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 Macoupin County. There are 26 townships in our county.
- B. The population of our Township is 5,497, as of the 2020 census.
- C. We have one employe of the Township (not including elected officials).
- D. We have 2 employees in our Road District (not including elected officials).
- E. Our annual budget for 2023 is: \$ 633,653
 - a. Our Township's equalized assessed valuation for 2023 is \$94,403,852

III. Information about Our Committee

A. Committee Members:

Township Supervisor _Raymond Spudich

Township Highway Commissioner Ronald Maedge Jr

Township Trustee Tom Allen

Township Trustee Ron Dustman

Township Trustee Mike Hemphill

Township Trustee Greg Herbeck

Township Resident (Supervisor Appointments Ailee Taylor & Rob Johnson

Township Resident (Highway Comm. Appointment)

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): May 23, 2023

Second Meeting: Nov 15th, 2023

Third Meeting: Jan 16 2023

Additional Meetings (List All): _____,2023

EACH OF THESE SECTIONS ARE TO BE COMPLETED SEPARATLEY 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: (List programs like general assistance, youth programs, senior programs, community programs, LIHEAP, etc.) (If not applicable, remove this).

1. General Assistance

B. Other services/programs we could possibly provide:

V. Social Service Agreements

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

Entity:

Services Provided:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

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. Awards and Recognitions

Our Township has received the following awards, distinctions, and recognitions: (List all).

1. Letter from Lincoln Land Law Association on outstanding handling Of General Assistance Program
2. Recognition from Fire Dept
3. Recognition from VFW
4. Recognition from Community Hospital
5. Recognition from Helping Hand Center
6. Recognition from Boy Scouts for Supporting Eagle Scout Program
7. Recognition from Lions Club for Christmas Project

VII.

Intergovernmental Agreements

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

Entity:	Services Offered:
1. Staunton City	Any projects that provide for betterment of the of the community.

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

VIII. 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):

IX. What Have We Done Well? (List any budget/levy freezes or reductions in the past decade; list new programs or services offered to residents over the past decade; list any ethics ordinances adopted; timely FOIA compliance; responsiveness to public; list any increase in number of township residents served, etc.)

The following is a list of things we feel we have done well.

1. Reduced tax levy rate (in 1989 the tax levy rate was .6630 well in 2023 it is .34794 And the per cent of township taxes in 1989 was 9.7% and 5.67% in 2023
2. In the past 10 years we have spent less each year than what was budgeted
3. We have in the past 15 years upgraded the equipment, built a new storage shed for the equipment, new siding on old shed in 2023, added landscaping around the property, a new sewer system facility for the Township and a new roof for the main building.
4. We have participated in the following projects with the city
5. Helped fund a new culvert for the bridge crossing to the Old City Cemetery
6. Had a tire collection to get rid of old tires in the Township in co-ordination with The county resulting in getting rid of over 5,000 tires in the Township

7. Improved with the city the ball fields by adding additional parking space and electronic score boards
8. Improved with the city additional parking and new sidewalks on the soccer fields
9. Funded a portable bath and shower facility to the park for the Tour De Donut race held each year which brings in over 1,000 bike riders to the community
10. Aided the Helping Hands Food Pantry financially to get started which serves over 300 families each month.
11. Have help fund Eagle Scout Projects that benefit the community, the Staunton Lions Christmas Program that aids families in need, the Staunton Hospital (purchase of new AED units), and the VFW for new Heating and Cooling Systems since it serves as a community center in extreme cold and heat,
12. Installed computerized accounting system (Quick Books)
13. Partered with the city and VFW in purchasing new van to take Veterans to Veterans' hospitals in St. Louis
14. Added Solar Panels to Reduce Power Cost
15. Assisted Dorchester Township with Funding for replacement of old bridge As Staunton Township Residents also use the bridge
16. Support the Patriot Club at the high school for outstanding Patriotic program They perform every year
17. Assistance City in Replacement of Roof on Soccer Storage Building
18. Assistance City in New Wiring System in Downtown Area so generators Would no longer needed to be rented

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

The two committee members of the community did a complete inspection of How monthly and annual reports were completed and presented to the trustees, did financial analysis of accounting procedures and how records are kept and concluded the Township operates a highly efficient office with complete transparency. Also was impressed Township had an array of modern equipment and equipment was stored Properly with two updated buildings.

XI. What Can We Do Better or More Efficiently?

At this point in time, not really anything.

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.

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

Note: This Report must be filed with your County no later than 18 months after your first committee meeting.

Submitted by: Raymond Spedich ^{Raymond Spedich}
Chairman, Decennial Efficiency Committee of Stanton Township

Date: 3/13/24

Staunton Township Highway Department

Response to page 4, Section VII

A. Intergovernmental Agreements,

Entity: 1. City of Staunton

Services Offered: Provide additional Manpower, Equipment and Materials to the City.

Entity: 2. Staunton Fire Protection District

Services Offered: Provide Equipment, Manpower and Facility for Training

Entity: 3. Staunton Community Unit School District 6

Services Offered: Manpower, Equipment, Materials and Facility

Entity: 4. Mt.Olive Township

Services Offered: Manpower, Equipment and Materials

Entity: 5. Dorchester Township

Services Offered: Manpower, Equipment and Materials

Entity: 6. Olive Township

Services Offered: Manpower, Equipment and Materials

See Attached summary of Intergovernmental cooperation projects completed with assistance of the Staunton Township Road District.

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Conjunction projects with City of Staunton

1. Soccer Complex parking lot project (Manpower, Equipment)
2. Baseball Complex Parking lot project (Equipment)
3. City wide cleanup at City maintenance facility (Manpower, Truck)
4. Used tire recycling collection (Manpower and Truck)
5. Assist with post-storm cleanup (Manpower, Equipment and Truck)
6. Assist with signage for annual Tour De Donut bicycle race (Manpower and Truck)

The Township Highway Department along with the City of Staunton work in conjunction with manpower, equipment and materials throughout the year as needed. This partnership has not only been utilized during the aforementioned projects but also throughout the year on other maintenance related issues.

Emergency Services provided and rendered by Staunton Township through intergovernmental

Agreement with the Staunton Fire Department:

- A.) Provides facility for training for the Staunton Fire Protection District
- B.) Provide materials in the event of inclement weather (Road Salt) for emergency vehicles response
- C.) Provide Equipment, Trucks and manpower during emergency situations
- D.) Provide Traffic Control during emergency situations (Barricades, Signage, manpower)
- E.) Member of the Staunton Area Emergency Management Council

Services rendered to the Staunton Community Unit School District No.6:

- A.) Provided manpower and Equipment for placing mulch on school playground
- B.) Provided facility for the distribution of lunches for children during COVID.

Services provided to the Staunton Chamber of Commerce:

- A.) Built Christmas Tree stand and helped erect during Christmas walk due to weather causing damage to tree and stand on day of Christmas walk

Mt.Olive Township:

- A.) Sharing of equipment
- B.) Assist with repairs of their equipment
- C.) Provide manpower for road oiling and other maintenance tasks

Olive Township:

- A.) Sharing of Equipment
- B.) Provided manpower during road oiling
- C.) Borrowing of materials during urgent times (Culverts etc.)

Dorchester Township:

- A.) Sharing of Equipment
- B.) Provided manpower during road oiling
- C.) Borrowing of Materials during urgent times (Culverts etc.)
- D.) Trucking of road patch

Staunton Township Highway Department feels that being in an intergovernmental agreements with

Aforementioned entities has been beneficial to all parties in the following ways:

- A.) Relieves some financial burden on all parties (ex: Equipment rental and purchase fees)
- B.) Availability of additional manpower if needed
- C.) Borrowing of materials during time constraints (ex: road patch, aggregate, salt brine)

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Decennial Committee Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2023

Members present:

Township Supervisor Raymond Joe Spudich
Township Highway Commissioner Ron Maedge
Township Trustee Mike Hemphill
Township Trustee Beverly Beyer
Township Trustee Greg Herbeck
Township Resident Rick Johnson
Township Resident Ailee Taylor

Members absent:

Township Resident Tom Allen

Called to order:

7:00pm by Joe Spudich

New Business:

- This first meeting was an organizational meeting. The sample ***Township Report for Compliance with Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act*** was reviewed.
- Raymond Joe Spudich will fill in more data in the sample report so that deeper review can begin in the next meeting. Accomplishments will also be compiled.
- It was discussed that Ron Maedge will also collect reports and additional data previous to the next meeting.
- All new data collection will be reviewed in the next meeting.

Old Business:

N/A

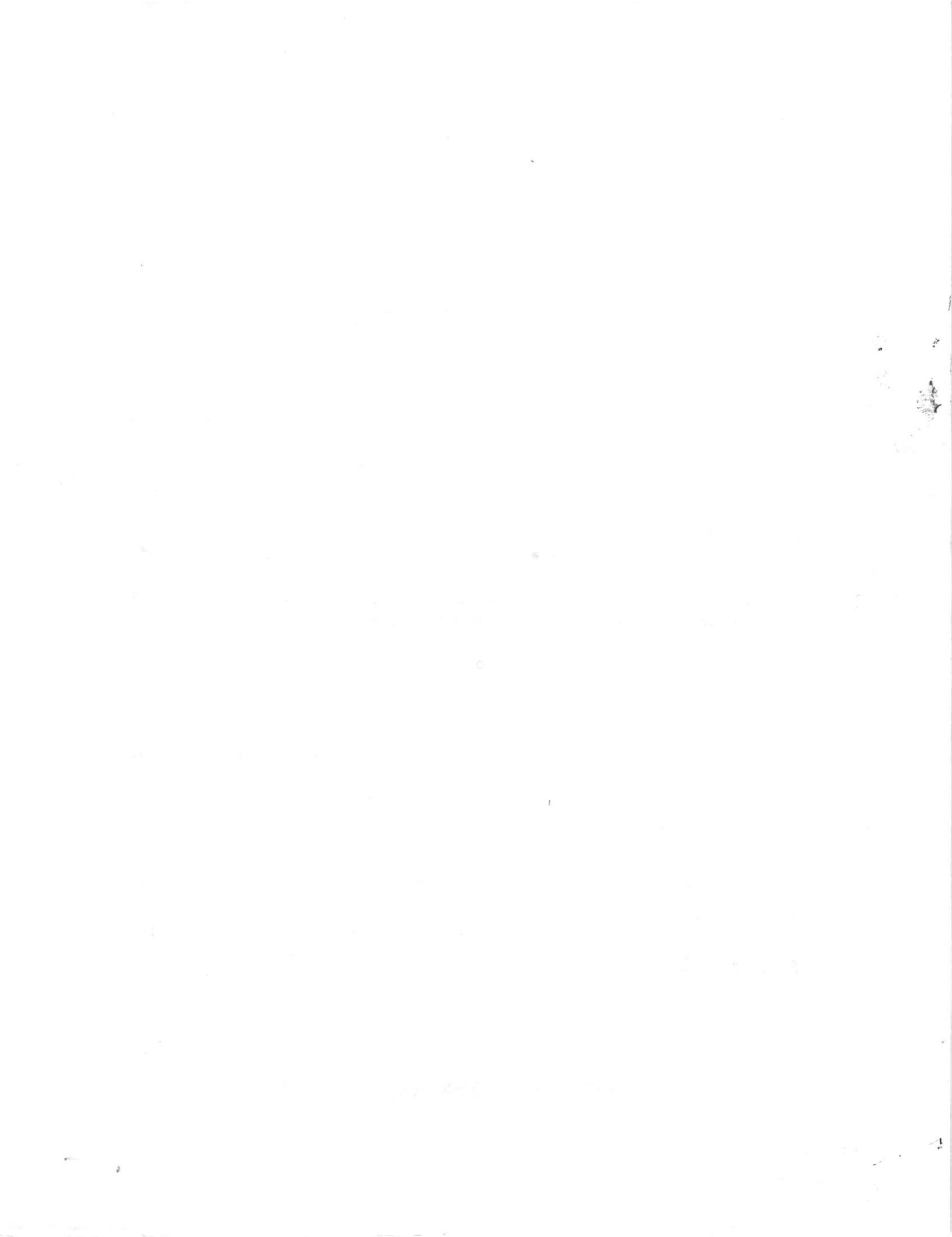
Next Meeting will be held on September 19th, 2023.

Adjourned at 7:46pm

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Decennial Committee Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2023

Members present:

Township Supervisor Raymond Joe Spudich
Township Highway Commissioner Ron Maedge
Township Trustee Mike Hemphill
Township Trustee Greg Herbeck
Township Resident Rick Johnson
Township Resident Ailee Taylor

Called to order:

6:00pm by Joe Spudich

New Business:

N/A

Old Business: Review 1st draft of **TOWNSHIP REPORT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH DECENNIAL COMMITTEES ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY ACT** and provide feedback, updates and recommendations for final draft.

Next Meeting will be held on February 6, 2024.

Adjourned at 6:55pm

Decennial Committee Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2024

Members present:

Township Supervisor Raymond Joe Spudich
Township Trustee Tom Allen
Township Trustee Ron Dustman
Township Trustee Greg Herbeck
Township Resident Rick Johnson
Township Resident Ailee Taylor

Called to order:

6:00pm by Joe Spudich

New Business:

N/A

Old Business: Review updated final response to **TOWNSHIP REPORT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH DECENNIAL COMMITTEES ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY ACT** for both the Township and Road Commission. One change recommended for Township response under section VI, Awards and Recognitions; Add Recognition by Staunton Chamber of Commerce.

Motion by Supervisor Spudich: Adopt final draft as amended, Seconded by Trustee Dustman. All in attendance voted yea. Final draft as amended adopted.

Superintendent to amend and submit final response.

Adjourned at 6:35pm