

**WESTERN MOUND DECENNIAL COMMITTEES ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT
EFFICIENCY ACT REPORT 2023 FOR BOTH TOWN AND ROAD & BRIDGE**

- I. NAME OF TOWNSHIP: Western Mound Township
- II. We are located in Macoupin County. There are 26 townships in our county. The population of our Township is 263 as of the 2020 census. Our annual budget for 2023-2024 is \$80,186.
- III. Committee Members:

Township Supervisor	Mary J Leefers-Peterson	MLP
Township Clerk	Harold Landon	HL
Road Commissioner	Tyler Plogger	T.P.
Township Trustee	Paul Smith	PS
Township Trustee	P J Rosentreter	PJ
Township Trustee	Mike Burrow	MB
Township Trustee	Kenny Egelhoff	K.E.
Township Resident	Lori Egelhoff	LE
Township Resident	Clayton Kanllakar	CK
Township Resident	Marilyn Weber	MW
Township Resident	Teresa Smith	TS

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Patricia Quinn
Macoupin County Clerk

Dates that our committee Met

- First Meeting - May 8, 2023
- Second Meeting - June 12, 2023
- Third Meeting - July 10, 2023

IV. Our Township offers the General Assistance program that's funded with tax dollars and procedures are followed according to the Laws & Duties of the Township Officials of Illinois.

V. The following laws, Township Policies, Township Rules and Procedures, Township Training Materials have been evaluated for compliance and have been determined if any of the foregoing should be amended.

- State laws applicable to Townships, including, but not limited to Township code (60ILCS1)
- 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))
- FIOA Officer Training (5 ILCS 140/3.5 (b))

Computation and Retention of FOIA Requests (5ILCS 140/3.5(a))

All of our Elected Officials have filed statement of economic interests (5 ILCS 420/4A-101;5 ILCS420/4A-101.5)

Our budgets and financial documents

State Ethics Laws, including but not limited to the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430/1-1)

VI Over the past several decades, we have the best roads in the county while remaining within our budget every year. We built a maintenance shed to house our road equipment to keep a presence in the community of Haganan. This year, we are adding an office/town hall onto the maintenance shed. We are also working with Henderson Rural Water to bring water to our community.

VII. Our biggest obstacle is the lack of communication networks. To have the ability to communicate with township residents, we need better cell and internet service. In our community, it is essential to have telecommunications networks available for emergencies as well as the ability to reach out to our constituents. As of current date, reception is nil to poor. Steps we can take is to reach out to cellular companies and local internet providers to see if a tower(s) can be erected in the town of Haganan to get people the service they need.

VIII. Township government is the oldest existing unit of government continuing to serve on the North American continent. Township government was in existence for 140 years prior to the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776. The wording of the Declaration of Independence reflects the fact that 38 of its 56 signers had experienced the benefits of township government. The Declaration's statement that "government should derive its just powers from the consent of the governed" is demonstrated at the Annual Town Meeting. (reference from Township Officials of Illinois) Townships are a "grassroots" government that provides services to our neighbors and communities.

Submitted by: Mary J Leefers-Peterson, Supervisor
Chairman, Decennial Efficiency Committee of Western Mound Township