

Minutes of the Troy Township Road District Decennial Committee Meeting

Monday, September 18, 2023

5:45 p.m.

A meeting of the Troy Township Road District Decennial Committee Meeting was held at the Troy Township Community Center, 25448 Seil Road, Shorewood, Illinois.

Highway Commissioner Thomas R. Ward **called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.**

The **pledge of allegiance was recited**, led by Highway Commissioner Thomas Ward.

Roll Call:

Committee Chairman:

Highway Commissioner Thomas R. Ward - Present

Governing Board Members:

Joseph D. Baltz – Supervisor – Present

Johnnie Greenwood – Trustee - Absent

Bryan W. Kopman – Trustee - Present

Jerry Nudera – Trustee – Present

Brett Wheeler – Trustee – Absent

Other Officers:

Larry Ryan – Clerk – Present

Jennifer Dylik – Administrator – Present

Two Township Residents:

Jason Cox – Present

Gordon “Gordy” McCoy – Present

A quorum is established.

Chairman Ward expressed gratitude to the “resident representatives” Gordon McCoy and Jason Cox. Mr. McCoy for his experience with Township government and Mr. Cox for his business dealings with numerous governmental agencies. Also, expressed gratitude for the continued efforts of Administrator Dylik and the materials she researches and presents at these meetings. The Chairman then turned the meeting over to Dylik for packet presentation and overview.

Administrator Dylik explained that this Committee is established pursuant to (50 ILCS 70) Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act. This Act created P.A. 102-1088 and was effective June 10, 2022.

Committee Requirements/Duties (50 ILCS 70):

Separate notice must be given for all committee meetings. The committee must meet a minimum of three times and after the meeting must survey all residents in attendance for input on matters discussed at the meeting. This requirement can be satisfied by emailing the survey to all residents present who provided a valid email address.

The duties of a committee include, but are not limited to, the study of the governmental unit's governing statutes, ordinances, rules, procedures, powers, jurisdiction, shared services, intergovernmental

agreements, and interrelationships with other governmental units and the State. The committee shall also collect data, research, and analysis as necessary to prepare the report described below.

Each committee shall summarize its work and findings within a written report, which shall include recommendations in respect to increased accountability and efficiency and shall provide the report to the administrative office of each county board in which the governmental unit is located no later than 18 months after the formation of the committee. The report shall be made available to the public.

The law required the committee to be formed by June 10, 2023. Our committees were officially formed on March 20, 2023.

Report Deadline: September 20, 2024 (18 months after committee is formed).

Administrator Dylik introduced each of the Committee members.

Administrator Dylik reported that Clerk Ryan will be responsible for taking the minutes of the meeting while Administrator Dylik will prepare the final report.

Administrator Dylik presented the **Rules for Addressing the Decennial Committee**. A motion was made by Trustee Bryan Kopman; seconded by Trustee Jerry Nudera to adopt the Rules for Addressing the Decennial Committee. Motion carried.

Administrator Dylik reviewed the **Committee meeting schedule**:

- September 18, 2023 5:45pm to 6:45pm
- November 20, 2023 5:45pm to 6:45pm
- January 22, 2024 5:45pm to 6:45pm
- March 18, 2024 5:45pm to 6:45pm
- May 20, 2024 Immediately following the 7:00p.m. Board Meeting

Administrator Dylik then gave a **general overview of the Township Governing Statutes and Powers**. The Township code is presented in Illinois State Statute 60 ILCS 1. Further, pursuant to Dillon's Rule, Townships (and other units of local government) are regulated by Article VII, Section 8 of the 1970 Illinois Constitution which states, in part: these governments "*shall have only powers granted by law.*"

By law, Township's must perform three main functions:

- Provide General Assistance for the indigent.
- Assess real property for the basis of local taxation.
- Maintain all roads and bridges outside of federal, state, and other jurisdiction.

Additionally, **Township Road Districts adhere to the Illinois Highway Code** which is referenced in 605 ILCS 5 Section 6-201. The maintenance of roads and bridges by the Township highway commissioner includes lay out, altering, widening, vacating, constructing, and repairing. Article 6 of the Illinois Highway Code has the most impact on the Township Road District. Article 6 includes the following:

- Division 1 - District Organization and Powers
- Division 2 - Functions and Compensation of District Officials
- Division 3 - Laying Out, Widening, Altering or Vacating Township and District Roads
- Division 4 - Construction And Maintenance of Township and District Roads
- Division 5 - Taxation

- Division 6 - Gravel, Rock, Macadam and Other Township and District Road Improvement by Special Tax
- Division 7 - Use Of Motor Fuel Tax Funds
- Division 8 - Property Acquisition and Disposition
- Division 9 - State Funding of Road District Bridges

Dylik reviewed each Division and answered questions throughout.

Resident Gordy Mc Coy asked what the minimum number of miles a Road District can have. 605 ILCS 5/6-130 says that no township road district may continue in existence if the roads forming a part of the district do not exceed a total of 4 centerline miles in length.

Resident Jason Cox asked about the municipal half-share. Clerk Ryan and Admin. Dylik explained the concept noting that if a home in the unincorporated area pays a tax of \$100 to the Troy Township Road District, and if that same value was on a house located in the Village of Shorewood, that \$100 tax would be divided up with \$50 going to the Village and \$50 going to the Troy Township Road District. Dylik explained that the Road District only receives approximately 53% of what is levied due to this municipal half-share.

Supervisor Baltz commented that MFT funds go from the State to the County then to the Township.

When reviewing 605 ILCS 5/5-501, Admin. Dylik explained how the concept of County Aid to Road is benefiting the Township Road District for its Shepley Road Bridge Project. The current cost estimates are \$8.3 million of which 80% is being funded through state funds. The remaining 20% will be split 50/50 between the County and the Road District because of the Road District applying for County Aid to Road and Bridge.

Administrator Dylik noted that in addition to the powers granted to townships via the Township Code (60 ILCS 1), townships have many other statutes that it must comply with including but not limited to:

- Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120)
- Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140)
- State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430)
- Public Funds Investment Act (30 ILCS 235)
- Local Government Prompt Payment Act (50 ILCS 505)
- Local Records Act (50 ILCS 205)
- Illinois Library Act (75 ILCS 5)
- Truth in Taxation Act (35 ILCS 200) & Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (35 ILCS 200/18-185)
- Public Officers Prohibited Activities Act (50 ILCS 105)
- Public Funds Statement Publication Act (30 ILCS 15)
- Governmental Account Audit Act (50 ILCS 310)
- Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (5 ILCS 220)
- Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130)
- Smoke Free Illinois Act (410 ILCS 82/1)
- Public Graveyards Act (50 ILCS 610)
- Laws and Duties Handbook – Published by the Township Officials of Illinois as a guidebook for township elected officials and staff.

Administrator Dylik asked for any questions from the Committee.

Resident Jason Cox asked how much the current Township budget was. Dylik reported that the 2023-2024FY budget for the Road District has total expenditures of \$2,229,050.00. She also encouraged all to look at the township website for more detailed information on the budget.

Resident Jason Cox inquired about filing a Statement of Economic Interest for committee participation. Dylik will reach out to the County Clerk's office and report back to the members.

Highway Commissioner Ward opened the meeting for Public Comment. After asking three times and hearing none, the committee moved to Item VI.

Administrator Dylik distributed a survey to all in attendance. Dylik further reported that at the November meeting the Committee will review the Township's existing ordinances and resolutions, Intergovernmental Agreements, Memorandums of Understanding, and current Township services.

Motion made by Resident Jason Cox; seconded by Trustee Jerry Nudera to **adjourn** the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

Larry Ryan
Clerk

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