

**RAYMOND TOWNSHIP REPORT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH DECENNIAL  
COMMITTEES ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY ACT  
(Raymond Township and Road District Joint Report)**

I. Unit of government submitting this report:  
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NAME OF TOWNSHIP: **RAYMOND 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 **Montgomery County**. There are **17** townships in our county.
- B. The population of our Township is **1,126**, as of the 2020 census.
- C. We have **0** employees of the Township (not including elected officials).
- D. We have **2 Part-Time** employees in our Road District (not including elected officials).
- E. Our annual budget for 2023 is: **\$282,300 (Road) & \$73,350 (Town)**
- F. Our Township's equalized assessed valuation for 2023 is **\$28,326,966**.

III. Information about Our Committee

A. Committee Members:

Township Supervisor: **David T. Mulch**

Township Highway Commissioner: **Kenneth Mondhink**

Township Trustee: **William Held**

Township Trustee: **Larry Wernsing**

Township Trustee: **Pamela Lanter**

Township Trustee: **Michael Riggs**

Township Resident (Supervisor Appointment): **Gerald Wagahoff**

Township Resident (Supervisor Appointment): **Shelly Crawford**

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  
(must occur prior to June 10, 2023): **May 11, 2023**

Second Meeting: **August 10, 2023**

Third Meeting: **December 14, 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).

**General Assistance (Pauper Fund)**

B. Other services/programs we could possibly provide:

**Lots of programs are covered by other local agencies and groups. We are a rural community and don't have a need for additional or duplicate programs.**

V. Social Service Agreements

**None**

VI. Awards and Recognitions

None

VII. Intergovernmental Agreements

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

Entity: **Harvel Twp, Zanesville Twp, Pitman Twp, and Bo'Darc Twp**

Services Offered: **The services include furnishing and providing necessary labor, material, equipment, machinery tools, and safety devices to complete work not limited to the oiling and chipping of township roads and the removal of snow on township roads.**

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

**Saving on labor and equipment. Labor costs increase every year, but townships can save money by utilizing shared labor from the other townships in the agreement. Equipment is expensive but our township saves money by utilizing shared equipment from the other townships in the agreement.**

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)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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 new intergovernmental agreements or social services offered; list any increase in number of township residents served, etc.)

**We have maintained our township roads well while keeping them clean and passable in all conditions. We utilize low labor rates by hiring part-time employees. We also maintain a fund to help our township residents with rent or utilities when they are in financial trouble.**

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

**We believe that we are extremely efficient in all aspects of operating the township because we are all local and not controlled by county, state, or federal governments.**

- XI. What Can We Do Better or More Efficiently?

**We can continue to hire more reliable part-time employees. We believe we are already efficient. We plan to continue to utilize our intergovernmental agreement and offer our assistance to the other townships in our agreement.**

- 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:

**We feel our accountability and efficiency are top rate. We are doing the best we can with the resources we have.**

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Submitted by:   
Chairman, Decennial Efficiency Committee of Raymond Township

Date: **December, 14, 2023**

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C. 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).

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D. Other services/programs we could possibly provide:

**A possible work study program that is more accessible to local High School Youth.**

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