

**ROAD AND BRIDGE REPORT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH DECENNIAL
COMMITTEES ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY ACT
(For Townships and Road District JOINT REPORT Only)**

NAME OF TOWNSHIP: Edwardsville Township Road and Bridge

I. Information about our Township

- A. We are located in Madison County. There are 23 townships in our county.
- B. The population of our Township is 40,598, as of the 2020 census.
- C. We have full-time 4 and 1 part-time employees in our Road District (not including elected officials).
- D. Our annual budget for 2023 is: \$2,570,900.
- E. Our Township's equalized assessed valuation for 2023 is \$1,364,092,556.

II. Information about Our Committee

A. Committee Members:

Township Supervisor: Kevin Hall

Township Highway Commissioner: Danny Picarella

Township Trustee: Sitso Nutsukpui

Township Trustee: Matt Chapman

Township Trustee: Kathie Duame

Township Trustee: Janet Haroian

Township Resident (Supervisor Appointment): Township Assessor Jennifer Hegel

Township Resident (Supervisor Appointment): Township Administrator Adam Colvin

Township Resident (Supervisor Appointment): Sara Berkbigler

Township Resident (Highway Comm. Appointment): Gabriel Kerr

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): 5/24/2023

Second Meeting: 7/16/2024

Third Meeting:

Additional Meetings (List All):

III. Edwardsville Township Offers the Following Services and Programs:

The main purpose of the Road District is to maintain roads outside federal, state and other local jurisdiction. Along with maintaining the roads we provide countless other services and programs below are a few that standout.

a. Road & Bridge Department

- i. Christmas Tree Recycling
 1. Collects recycled trees, then mulches them to be used in public gardens and parks across the community.
- ii. Tire Recycling
 1. Collects tires for recycling
- iii. Road Maintenance & Resurfacing
 1. Maintains and resurfaces 15.25 miles of Township roads.
 2. Maintains Township roads and bridges by plowing snow and ice amidst winter weather.
- iv. E-Waste Recycle
 1. Collects hazardous e-waste to be carefully disposed of.
- v. MS4 Program
 1. Regulates MS4 Program to prevent hazards and harmful pollutants from entering local bodies of water.
- vi. Township Mowing
 1. Maintains Township property via mowing.
- vii. Ditch Digging/Waterway Maintenance
 1. Maintains culverts to prevent water from flowing into roadways.
 2. Digs ditches to maintain waterways
- viii. Maintain Signs
 1. Maintains road signs for 911 dispatching and traffic control
- ix. Tree Removal
 1. Removes trees interfering with traffic pathways and constituents.
- x. Record Keeping of Road Maintenance & Personnel Records
 1. Maintains township records per IL statute.
 2. Includes drug tests for personnel
- xi. Mosquito Defogger (Intergovernmental Agreement with Glen Carbon)
 1. Utilizes mosquito fogger to control mosquito population.
- xii. Prepare Tax Levy & Budget
 1. Prepares and files Edwardsville Township Road and Bridge levy and budget.
- xiii. Trash Maintenance
 1. Removes trash from Township roads to reduce pollution and maintain Township jurisdiction.
- xiv. Upkeep at Robert C Stille Edwardsville Township Community Park
assist park staff maintain Airplane Park, per request.
- xv. Madison County Mitigation Planning Committee
 1. Increase community resilience and facilitate the expeditious recovery of the region. Identify projects and activities that reduce the negative impacts of identified hazards in the County

- xvi. Provide Emergency On-call man power
 - 1. Full time and Part time employees on 24-hour call out in case of emergency-snow, ice, tree debris removal, severe storm debris, flooding, traffic control

IV. Awards and Recognitions

- a. Road & Bridge Department
 - i. Edwardsville Community Foundation-Emergency Relief Grant

V. Intergovernmental Agreements

- A. Road & Bridge Department
 - a. Village of Glen Carbon
 - i. This allows both Edwardsville Township and the Village of Glen Carbon to spray both municipalities for mosquitos while saving money and space for storage.
 - b. Fort Russell
 - i. Allows both Townships to complete snow and ice removal on adjoining sections of roadway on Old Carpenter Rd and Drda Lane belonging to the other Township up to a place better suited to turn around.

Participating in these intergovernmental agreements allows the Edwardsville Township Road & Bridge District to potentially save a great deal of money, while continuing to have a good relationship with neighboring municipalities.

VI. 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.

X State laws applicable to Townships, including, but not limited to the Township Code (60 ILCS)

X Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120)

X Policy on public comment

X Designation of OMA officer (5 ILCS 120/1.05(a))

X All of Elected Officials have completed OMA Training (5 ILCS 120/1.05(b))

X Schedule of All Township Regular Meetings for Calendar or Fiscal Year (5 ILCS 120/2.03)

- X Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140)
- X Designation of FOIA officer (5 ILCS 140/3.5(a))
- X FOIA Officer Training (5 ILCS 140/3.5(b))
- X Computation and Retention of FOIA Requests (5 ILCS 140/3.5(a))
- X Posting Other Required FOIA Information (5 ILCS 140/4(a); 5 ILCS 140/4(b))
- X List of Types or Categories of FOIA Records under Township's Control (5 ILCS 140/5)
- X Periodic Meetings to Review Closed Meeting Minutes (5 ILCS 120/2.06(d))
- X IMRF Total Compensation Postings (5 ILCS 120/7.3)
- X Designation of Whistleblower Auditing Official (50 ILCS 105/4.1)
- X All of our Elected Officials have filed statement of economic interests (5 ILCS 420/4A-101; 5 ILCS 420/4A-101.5)
- X Sexual harassment prevention training (775 ILCS 5/2-109(c))
- X Our Intergovernmental Agreements
- X Our Social Service Agreements or Contracts
- X Our budget and financial documents
- X State Ethics Laws, including, but not limited to the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430/1-1)
- X Our budget and financial documents
- X 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).

VII. What Have We Done Well

In the past 10 years Edwardsville Township Road & Bridge, has reduce the General Road Levy by 29%, please see attached chart. We have been able to accomplish this very strict budgeting, precise planning, and dedication to our job. We are proud of the condition of the township roads. Numerous road upgrades and reconstructions have been made with no tax increase. The road district is on 24-hour emergency call for severe weather conditions, ice, snow, storms, flooding. We also work with Madison County Highway Department through their bidding process, to help keep material cost down when purchasing salt, culvert piping, road oil and rock.

VIII. What Can We Do Better or More Efficiently

The Road District has many great qualities and efficiencies but while working and reviewing this report the one item we fount that could benefit both Road and Township would be an intergovernmental agreement between the two. We could work closer on projects at the park and both entities to better save money and serve the community better.

IX. 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.

X. Our committee's recommendations regarding Increased Accountability and Efficiency: DISCUSS AS A COMMITTEE

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

Submitted by: _____
Chairman, Decennial Efficiency Committee of _____ Township

Date:

SCHEDULE "A"

EDWARDSVILLE TOWNSHIP
PROPERTY TAX RATES, EXTENSIONS AND COLLECTIONS
MARCH 31, 2023

LEVY YEAR	ASSESSED VALUATION	GENERAL	GENERAL ASSISTANCE	**ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	**SOCIAL SECURITY	GENERAL ROAD	PERMANENT ROAD	TOTAL
2013	857,965,491	0.0689		0.0038	0.0031	0.0185	0.0750	0.1713
2014	871,944,913	0.0614	0.0053	0.0080	0.0031	0.0150	0.0750	0.1678
2015	902,851,294	0.0515	0.0056	0.0107	0.0073	0.0138	0.0750	0.1639
2016	970,532,691	0.0526	0.0057	0.0031	0.0041	0.0129	0.0750	0.1544
2017	1,014,167,143	0.0505	0.0064	0.0037	0.0042	0.0123	0.0750	0.1541
2018	1,040,152,249	0.0442	0.0063	0.0081	0.0053	0.0120	0.0750	0.1709
2019	1,075,816,740	0.0647	0.0066	0.0081	0.0054	0.0119	0.0750	0.1717
2020	1,115,460,076	0.0649	0.0068	0.0078	0.0055	0.0115	0.0750	0.1715
2021	1,170,538,907	0.0634	0.0065	0.0074	0.0052	0.0110	0.0750	0.1685
2022	1,251,654,344	0.0630	0.0060	0.0064	0.0058	0.0106	0.0750	0.1648
2013	591,138			49,762	26,597	81,621	643,474	1,392,592
2014	535,374	46,213		69,756	27,030	67,589	653,959	1,399,921
2015	464,968	50,560		96,605	65,908	64,344	677,138	1,419,523
2016	510,511	65,027		30,087	39,793	64,146	727,915	1,437,479
2017	512,154	64,907		57,808	42,595	64,225	760,625	1,502,314
2018	667,778	65,530		84,252	55,128	64,379	780,114	1,717,181
2019	696,053	71,004		87,141	61,322	65,483	806,863	1,787,866
2020	723,934	75,851		87,006	61,350	65,573	836,595	1,850,309
2021	742,134	76,086		86,721	60,869	66,360	877,919	1,910,090
2022	788,542	75,099		80,106	47,563	68,391	938,741	1,998,442
		TAXES COLLECTED		TAXES EXTENDED				
2013	TOTAL EXTENSION	1,392,592						
2014	TOTAL TAXES COLLECTED	1,386,437						
2015	TOTAL TAXES COLLECTED	1,392,481						
2016	TOTAL TAXES COLLECTED	1,410,642						
2017	TOTAL TAXES COLLECTED	1,433,407						
2018	TOTAL TAXES COLLECTED	1,495,862						
2019	TOTAL TAXES COLLECTED	1,706,690						
2020	TOTAL TAXES COLLECTED	1,782,810						
2021	TOTAL TAXES COLLECTED	1,843,243						
2022	TOTAL TAXES COLLECTED	1,898,812						

* The taxes extended for the General Road Fund do not include that portion of the taxes which are paid to incorporated governmental units within the Township.
** The tax rates levied and the taxes extended for the Illinois Municipal Retirement and Social Security Funds include both Town and Road portions.

See accompanying independent auditor's report.