

# TOI Newsletter



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## A Message from the President

**Chris Kain**

**TOI President**

**Assessor (Addison Twp./DuPage Co.).**

It's been quite the summer for the Township Officials of Illinois! Since we last checked in, we have completed three District Education Events in Northern, Central, and Southern Illinois. Our Lunch & Learn Webinars and Q&A Days have continued to be a success. We also wrapped up the Spring legislative session, as detailed on page 3 in the Legislative Update and hosted the Inaugural TOIPAC

Golf Outing.

As we move into the Fall months, the focus shifts to TOI's Annual Fall Conference. The staff and the TOI Board of Directors are creating another great experience for our members and their guests November 12-14th at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield, IL. Keep an eye out in the Township Perspective Magazine for a full roll out in the October issue.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, we continue to work on behalf of the townships of Illinois to educate and deliver results throughout the state of Illinois. We thank each and every elected township official for all the hard work they do on a year-round basis, and we hope to see everyone at the 2023 TOI Fall Conference.

Registration information is available at [toi.org](http://toi.org).

*Chris Kain*  
TOI President



116TH ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

**SCHEDULE**

*At a Glance*



### SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12

2 - 6 PM REGISTRATON OPEN  
3 - 7 PM EXHIBT HALL OPEN  
5:30 - 7 PM OPENING RECEPTION

### MONDAY NOVEMBER 13

7 AM - 1 PM EXHIBIT HALL OPEN  
7:30 AM - 4:45 PM REGISTRATION OPEN  
7:30 - 9 AM BREAKFAST IN EXHIBIT HALL  
9:45 - 11:30 AM KEYNOTE SPEAKER - GUY SNODGRASS  
11:30 AM - 1 PM LUNCH IN EXHIBIT HALL  
1:15 - 5 PM CONCURRENT EDUCATION SESSIONS  
7 - 8 PM PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION  
8 - 10 PM GLO BINGO

### MONDAY NOVEMBER 13

7:30 AM - 12 PM REGISTRATION OPEN  
7:45 - 9:15 AM AWARDS BREAKFAST  
8 - 9:55 AM CONCURRENT EDUCATION SESSIONS  
10 - 11:20 AM DIVISION MEETINGS  
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM ANUAL MEETING (CLOSING SESSION)

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# From The Executive Director

**Jerry B. Crabtree**

TOI Executive Director

Many of you may ask what is the Return on Investment (ROI) for belonging to the Township Officials of Illinois (TOI).

The benefits of being part of the organization far outweigh the impact of NOT belonging. The benefits of collaborating with government among the local government landscape provides the personal local community approach to governing that all Illinoisians prefer. Let me give you a few insights into what is included in a TOI Membership.

**The organization.** TOI is over 116 years old. We include memberships from all 102 counties in Illinois that includes coterminous townships as well as commission counties. Remember that in Illinois only 85 of our 102 counties operate under the township form of government outlined and ensured by Article IV of the Illinois Constitution. We have a 33-member Board of Directors representing equally the rural and urban areas of Illinois. The board is committed to providing sound and efficient statutory responsibilities for township government. The organization represents 1426 townships that includes just over 10,000 elected township members.

**Representation.** As an association, we represent the members of TOI in Springfield among other associations. Among the 177 legislators in the Illinois General Assembly and nationally in Congress with the National Association of Towns and Townships. We act as an informational resource for all interested parties to existing and challenging statutory impacts on laws governing township government. TOI promotes the annual town meeting held annually that provides each citizen a direct say in the operation of the township they reside in.

**Educational Resources.** As a statewide organization our office operates multiple educational programs and opportunities that include, but are not limited to, district educational meetings, webinars, professional development programs and our annual educational conference. Each of these events, whether held virtually or in person, are provided to assist elected township officials in managing their statutory responsibilities and office practices to provide the best township government in our local communities across Illinois.

**Resources.** TOI issues 10 editions a year of Township Perspective – a publication with two combined months (January and February) and (June and July) providing reminders to township officials in all positions on what they should be focusing on regarding their township. Additionally, Township Perspective highlights activities relevant to township government in Illinois. The website (TOI.org) provides a member-only section where paid dues members are able to download documents and informational documents to assist them in the day-to-day management of the township.

As the Executive Director I take pride in the association and its management of the above resources and services providing efficient and effective representation to all townships in Illinois. Whether a road district, commission county, coterminous or stand alone both rural and urban – together we are township government and will ensure proper and efficient services to our township communities.

*Jerry B. Crabtree*  
Executive Director



# Legislative Update

Of the over 560 bills that were passed by both chambers and sent to the Governor's desk this spring, more than half of them have already been signed into law. At the time of writing, that number of bills signed into law sits at 308, 106 House bills and 148 Senate bills so far. Of the nearly 170 bills tracked by TOI this spring, 14 have been signed into law with several still waiting action from the Governor.

You can check the status of all legislation at [ilga.gov](http://ilga.gov). Below are some recent bill signings by the Governor.

## **PUBLIC ACT 103-0125- HB 1465**

### **House Sponsors**

*Rep. Tony M. McCombie - Curtis J. Tarver, II, Dennis Tipsword, Jr. and Brad Stephens*

### **Senate Sponsors**

*Sen. Neil Anderson and David Koehler*

Increases bid threshold for road district to \$30,000 from \$20,000.

### **TOI SUPPORT (PRIORITY BILL).**

## **PUBLIC ACT 103-0138 HB 2040**

### **House Sponsors**

*Rep. Curtis J. Tarver, II - Dave Severin, Tony M. McCombie and Norine K. Hammond*

### **Senate Sponsors**

*Sen. Adriane Johnson - Michael W. Halpin and Andrew S. Chesney*

Provides that a board of trustees may contract with a neighboring township to provide highway commissioner or clerk services if the township has a population of less than 1,000 (rather than less than 500).

### **TOI WORKED WITH SPONSORS TO ADDRESS CONCERNS.**

## **PUBLIC ACT 103-0192 - HB 3424**

### **House Sponsors**

*Rep. Kevin John Olickal - Curtis J. Tarver, II - Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz - Maurice A. West, II - Daniel Didech, Katie Stuart, Suzanne M. Ness, Diane Blair-Sherlock, Hoan Huynh, Robyn Gabel, Gregg Johnson and Camille Y. Lilly*

### **Senate Sponsors**

*Sen. Ram Villivalam - Cristina Castro, Laura Fine, Rachel Ventura and Sally J. Turner*

Amends the Township Code. Provides that a township's board may either expend funds directly or may enter into any cooperative agreement or contract with specified entities to provide its residents with health services, including mental, behavioral, eye, dental, or other healthcare. Provides that the township board may approve the application of a different, publicly available, professional or academically recognized standard of need in determining eligibility for subsidized day care. Amends the Illinois Public Aid Code. Provides that persons shall not be determined ineligible for case assistance under the General Assistance Article of the Code based upon a conviction for any drug-related felony under State or federal law. In provisions concerning the General Assistance program, permits a local government unit to provide assistance to households under its General Assistance program following a disaster proclamation issued by the Governor if the local governmental unit is within the area designated under the proclamation. Provides that a local governmental unit may provide assistance under its General Assistance program under a service that complies with specified provisions of the Township Code. Provides that before a local government provides assistance, the board of the local government shall approve the expenditures of such assistance.

### **HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 1**

Further amends the General Assistance Article of the Illinois Public Aid Code. In a provision permitting a local governmental unit to provide General Assistance under one of the township services authorized under the Township Code, requires the board of the local governmental unit to adopt a policy providing which township services are eligible for General Assistance.

### **TOI SUPPORT (PRIORITY BILL).**

## **PUBLIC ACT 103-0373 - SB 895**

### **Senate Sponsors**

*Sen. Michael W. Halpin*

### **House Sponsors**

*Rep. Gregg Johnson*

Creates guard rails and sets limits for the uses of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act at the local level.

### **TOI worked with sponsors to address major concerns.**

**PUBLIC ACT 103-0327 – HB 2845**

**House Sponsors**

*Rep. Dave Vella*

**Senate Sponsors**

*Sen. Meg Loughran Cappel and Karina Villa*

Provides that the definition of “public works” includes the transportation of biosolids. Applies prevailing age to the transportation of biosolids.

**TOI OPPOSED.**

**PUBLIC ACT 103-0346 – HB 3370**

**House Sponsors**

*Rep. Dave Vella - Matt Hanson - Stephanie A. Kifowit - Maurice A. West, II - Natalie A. Manley, Jay Hoffman, Barbara Hernandez, Theresa Mah, Anna Moeller, Jawaharial Williams, Sharon Chung, Mark L. Walker, Laura Faver Dias, Nabeela Syed, Martin J. Moylan, Maura Hirschauer, Ann M. Williams, La Shawn K. Ford, Katie Stuart, Marcus C. Evans, Jr., Kelly M. Cassidy, Dagmara Avelar, Sonya M. Harper, Angelica Guerrero-Cuellar, Suzanne M. Ness, Anne Stava-Murray, Jaime M. Andrade, Jr., Justin Slaughter, Edgar Gonzalez, Jr., Harry Benton, Michael J. Kelly and Emanuel “Chris” Welch*

**Senate Sponsors**

*Sen. Cristina Castro - Laura M. Murphy - Linda Holmes - Christopher Belt - Robert Peters, Karina Villa, Rachel Ventura, David Koehler, Steve Stadelman, Mattie Hunter, Ram Villivalam, Napoleon Harris, III and Doris Turner*

Provides that the definition of “public works” includes power washing projects. Applies prevailing age to power washing.

**TOI OPPOSED.**

**PUBLIC ACT 103-0359 – HB 3792**

**House Sponsors**

*Rep. Lawrence “Larry” Walsh, Jr. - Stephanie A. Kifowit - Martin J. Moylan, Dave Vella and Emanuel “Chris” Welch*

**Senate Sponsors**

*Sen. Steve Stadelman - Doris Turner and Mike Simmons*

Provides that the definition of “public works” includes fixtures or permanent attachments to light poles. Applies prevailing wage to this work.

**TOI OPPOSED.**

**PUBLIC ACT 103-0318 - HB2539**

**House Sponsors**

*Rep. Maura Hirschauer*

**Senate Sponsors**

**Sen. Karina Villa**

Amends the Property Tax Code. Provides that the Department of Revenue shall pay the assessor’s additional compensation to the appropriate township or county, and the township or county shall pay the additional compensation to the assessor from those funds. Provides that the township or county shall be considered the assessor’s employer for payroll purposes, including, but not limited to, State and federal income tax reporting and withholding and employer contributions under the Illinois Pension Code. Amends the Counties Code. In provisions concerning stipends paid to the county treasurer, auditor, coroner, and sheriff, provides that the Department of Revenue shall pay those stipends directly to the county, and the county shall pay the stipend to the official. Provides that the county shall be considered the assessor’s employer for payroll purposes, including, but not limited to, State and federal income tax reporting and withholding and employer contributions under the Illinois Pension Code. Effective immediately.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENT NO. 1**

Replaces everything after the enacting clause. Amends the Property Tax Code and the Counties Code. In provisions concerning stipends and additional compensation for certain officials, provides that the Department of Revenue shall remit to each county (or township, if applicable) the amount required for the additional compensation or stipend. Provides that the money shall be deposited by the county treasurer into a fund dedicated to making those payments. Provides that the county payroll clerk shall pay the stipend or additional compensation to the official within 10 business days after those funds are deposited into the county fund. Provides that the stipend shall not be considered part of the official’s base compensation. Provides that the county shall be responsible for the State and federal income tax reporting and withholding as well as the employer contributions under the Illinois Pension Code on that compensation. Effective immediately.

**TOI SUPPORT.**



# Legislative Survey

Our legislative survey is here! Annually, we reach out to our members for input on issues that need to be addressed. Please take a moment to fill it out and let us know what your legislative priorities are for the 2024 Illinois General Assembly. It's a great opportunity to have your voice heard on possible legislative changes affecting townships. [Click Here to Take the Legislative Survey](#) or scan the QR code.



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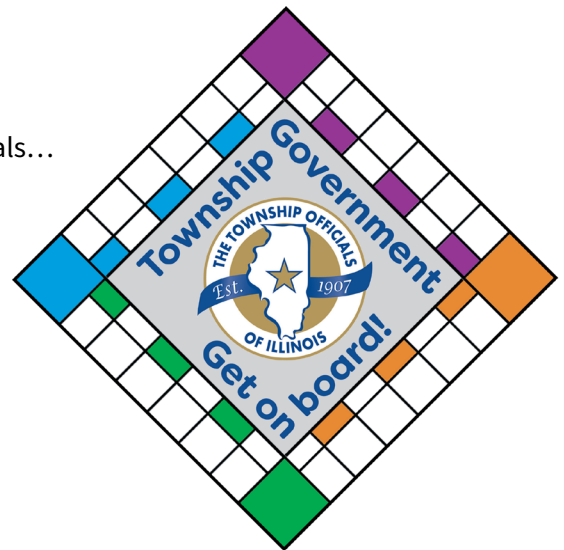
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- Join division meetings

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# Inaugural TOIPAC Golf Outing

## Brad Ruppert

TOI Director of Member Services

On August 18th, 2023, the Township Officials of Illinois Political Action Committee (TOIPAC) hosted the Inaugural Golf Outing at Lincoln Greens Golf Course in Springfield, IL, and we are happy to report it was a success. While we can't take credit for the weather, it was a perfect day for golf on the lake.

We had 17 foursomes, 20-hole sponsors and 4 drink cart sponsors. A special thanks to all the golfers, sponsors, and volunteers who helped make our first golf outing attempt a success and raise money for TOIPAC. TOIPAC funds go directly to TOI's lobbying efforts to help get legislation passed that helps townships and all of our members.

We are already planning the 2024 Second Annual Golf Outing, so if you missed it this year, there will be another chance next year.



John Gardner, Chuck Layer, Curtis Barber, and Rick Heald.



Matt King, Teresa King, Sherry Tite, and Greg Schumacher.



Scott Selinger, Jim Donelan, Chuck Davis, and Matt Knight.



Joel Fletcher, Kevin Bird, Jordan Bird, and Justin Bird.



Arnold Vegter, Tyler Knight, Avery Arins, and Jeff Castle.



James Weisiger, Pete Pistorius, and Craig Paulek.



Chris Kain and Jerry B. Crabtree.



Golfers lined up and ready to go!



Jerry B. Crabtree and Brad Ruppert

# PPRT: Fiscal Year 2024 Estimate for Replacement Taxes

In accordance with Illinois statute (50 ILCS 420/4.1), the Illinois Department of Revenue is required to provide an estimated entitlement\* of the amount of Personal Property Replacement Taxes (“PPRT”)\*\* for Fiscal Year 2024.

The Fiscal Year 2024 PPRT allocations are estimated at \$3.235 billion. This is a decrease of 28.8% from Fiscal Year 2023 PPRT allocations that totaled \$4.541 billion.

PPRT allocations are estimated to be lower for several reasons:

The annual reconciliation of tax payments and returns will result in a Fiscal Year 2024 transfer of approximately \$818.396 million from replacement tax to income tax. This reconciliation is required because tax receipts are disbursed at time of receipt based on a historical estimate and the actual disbursement amounts required by statute are not known until the final returns are received much later. These adjustments will be made in five equal installments effecting the disbursements in October 2023, January 2024, April 2024, May 2024 and July 2024. For more information, see the Personal Property Replacement Tax Allocation Statement.

Also, a decrease in collections is expected as the \$100,000 net operating loss limitation expires. This expiration will result in corporate taxpayers applying larger-than-normal losses against positive income, which will reduce estimated tax collections starting in calendar year 2024 (Public Act 102-0016 (35 ILCS 5/207) (d)).

Lastly, there will be a transfer from the Income Tax Refund Fund to the Personal Property Tax Fund in September 2023 of approximately \$102.607 million. This statutory transfer is because the estimated deposits into the Income Tax Refund Fund exceeded the money paid out for PPRT refunds in FY 2023. While this transfer is positive to the Personal Property Tax Fund, it is less than the \$359 million transferred to the Fund in Fiscal Year 2023.

A detailed listing of the approximate 6,500 local taxing districts which are entitled to receive an allocation for Fiscal Year 2024 (July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024) is available here. The list contains the following information:

**DISTRICT NAME**

**DISTRICT NUMBER**

**FY 2024 ESTIMATED AMOUNT**

**FY 2023 ACTUAL DISBURSEMENT AMOUNT**

**VENDOR NUMBER**

This information may be considered certified by the Director of the Illinois Department of Revenue solely for purposes of allowing local taxing districts to issue tax anticipation notes, in accordance with 50 ILCS 420/1 et seq., Tax Anticipation Note Act.

These numbers represent an ESTIMATE based on the best available economic data. The actual amount a local government will receive may vary. Please note that the Illinois Department of Revenue is not liable for error or miscalculation in certification of entitlements.

\* “Entitlement” - the amount of the Replacement Tax paid or to be paid in any given full year to a unit of government.

\*\* “Personal Property Replacement taxes” – the tax or taxes, as by law now or hereafter enacted or amended, imposed by the General Assembly to replace revenue lost by units of government as a result of the abolition of ad valorem personal property taxes pursuant to Article IX, Section 5(c) of the Constitution of the State of Illinois.

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