

TOI Newsletter



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A Message from the President

Chris Kain

TOI President

Assessor (Addison Twp./DuPage Co.).

As we wind down the third quarter of 2024 and head into final stretch of 2024, we say goodbye to summer and hello to Fall and Winter. And a very busy fourth quarter is in store for TOI and Township Government. We still have our final District Education Event, scheduled for September 26th in Wood River Township and Lunch and Learn Webinars, Q&A Days and two more Professional Development

Days (more information on those below or at toi.org/events/).

As we look ahead to the coming months, we have the Annual TOI Fall Conference **NOVEMBER 11-13TH** at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield, IL. Please note that the Conference dates have been changed in 2024 to Monday-Wednesday. We look forward to seeing everyone back in Springfield and are excited to announce the full Fall Conference Education program in the October Township Perspective magazine. We can wait to announce it!

As we close out the final quarter of the final year of the current term, we hope to finish strong, and we will continue Building for Tomorrow!

Chris Kain

TOI President

Addison Township (DuPage Co.)

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From The Executive Director

Jerry B. Crabtree

TOI Executive Director



Summer is over and we are heading into the Fall season. November, we bring in the 117th Annual Educational Conference for the Association. That is 117 years of gathering, networking, and learning among township friends to better the government closest to the people TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT! Make sure you register early and plan to attend the event this year November 11-13. Note the dates no longer include Sunday. The event starts on a Monday this year.

Watch your email for the annual Legislative Survey for 2025. We send this out in September annually to see what legislative changes you may have for the association's legislative team to consider. Please take time to complete and return the survey.

We recently printed in the magazine (Township Perspective) the recent changes to the overtime pay requirements from the Department of Labor. Please note that the overtime pay requirements do not apply to elected officials. This was not stated in the article but remember that elected officials are not considered employees for payroll purposes. You can read the new [DEPARTMENT OF LABOR OVERTIME RULES HERE](#).

We have some changes in the association office for the Fall. Ms. Kayla Jeffers has been with the association for 6 years and is leaving to take a position with the Illinois Department of Agriculture. Kayla has worked with the *Township Perspective* magazine as the Associate Editor. Thank you, Kayla, for your contribution to Township Government and we wish you success in your new endeavors.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the conference in November.

Jerry B. Crabtree

Executive Director



Kayla Jeffers

Legislative Update

Taylor Anderson

TOI Legislative Consultant

Of the nearly one hundred bills tracked by TOI this year, only around twenty-five of those pieces of legislation were passed by both chambers and sent to the Governor's desk for action. Currently, a small handful of those bills have received action by the Governor. Below is a highlight of some of the legislation that has been signed into law and the ones still waiting on the Governor's desk for action.

BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW:

SB 1289- PUBLIC ACT 103-0651

Creates a pause on Carbon Capture and Sequestration (CCS) projects until the federal government adopts rules, or January 1, 2026, whichever comes first. Creates rules and regulations for CCS projects in Illinois and establishes landowners' rights regarding these projects. Raises eminent domain to 75% land effected by a project instead of 71% of landowners effected.

SB 2751- PUBLIC ACT 103-0621

Provides that a veteran with a disability or the veteran's caregiver shall not be charged any building permit fee for improvements to the residence of the veteran with a disability if the improvements are required to accommodate a disability of the veteran. Requires a veteran or caregiver to provide proof of veteran status and attest to the fact that the improvements to the residence are required to accommodate the veteran's disability. Provides that proof of veteran status is to be construed liberally, and veteran status shall include service in the Armed Forces of the United States, National Guard, or the reserves of the Armed Forces of the United States. Provides that what constitutes proof of veteran status shall be determined by the county, township, or municipality. Prohibits the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs from adjudicating any dispute arising under the provisions. Effective January 1, 2025.

HB 4488- ELECTIONS OMNIBUS BILL- PUBLIC ACT 103-0600

Among many changes, amends the Township Code. Provides that the compensation for a supervisor of a township in Cook County may not be increased during the term of office for which the supervisor is elected or appointed. Provides that an ordinance establishing compensation, including an increase or decrease in a supervisor's compensation, shall apply uniformly to the supervisors whose terms start after enactment of the compensation ordinance. Prohibits a township from decreasing the salary for a person elected as supervisor of a township while maintaining the salary of an incumbent. Provides that an ordinance that violates the provisions is null and void.

HB 4848- PUBLIC ACT 103-0730

Amends the Illinois Vehicle Code. Provides that no person shall operate or cause to be operated, on a highway, a commercial motor vehicle, with the exception of a highway maintenance vehicle, transporting garbage or refuse unless the tailgate on the vehicle is in good working repair, good operating condition, and closes securely, with a cover or tarpaulin of sufficient size attached so as to prevent any load, residue, or other material from escaping. Provides that a violation of the provisions shall be a petty offense punishable by a fine not to exceed \$150 (rather than \$250). Provides that a person, firm, or corporation convicted of 4 or more violations within a 12-month period shall be fined an additional amount of \$150 for the fourth and each subsequent conviction within the 12-month period. Amends the Criminal and Traffic Assessment Act. In provisions concerning conditional assessments, provides for distribution of a conditional assessment for a violation of the provisions.

HB 4951- REVENUE BILL- PUBLIC ACT 103-0592

Contains various provisions to increase certain taxes, tax credits and changes to regulatory provisions. Anticipated to raise around \$865 million in additional state revenue. Also provides that a community mental health board may provide advice to the governing body and may establish a policy and procedure for the acceptance and review of applications from interested residents prior to making a recommendation to the appointing authority.

Provides that an annual tax levied by any governmental unit under the Act is separate and distinct from all other property taxes levied by that governmental unit including Truth in Taxation Law and the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law. Makes other changes to the functions, reports and eligibility of a community mental health board and its members.

BILLS STILL AWAITING ACTION:

HB 5190- REP. NORINE K. HAMMOND (R-94TH) & JAY HOFFMAN (D-113RD)/SEN. DAVID KOEHLER (D-46TH) & JIL TRACY (R-50TH)

Provides that the allocation to road districts shall be made in the same manner and be subject to the same conditions and qualifications as are provided by Section 8 of the Motor Vehicle Tax Law with respect to the allocation to road districts of the amount allotted from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund for apportionment to counties for the use of road districts, but no allocation shall be made to any road district that has not levied taxes for road and bridge purposes in such a manner that is eligible for allotment of Motor Fuel Tax funding pursuant to the Motor Fuel Tax Law. Provides that any funds allocated to a county that are not obligated within 48 months shall be considered lapsed funds and reappropriated in the same fund. Provides that the lapsed funds shall be used to provide additional monetary assistance to townships and road districts that have insufficient funding for construction of bridges that are 20 feet or more in length under the Code. Requires the Department of Transportation to adopt rules to implement the provisions.

SB 3342- SEN. STEVE MCCLURE (R-54TH)/ REP. LAURA FAVER DIAS (D-62ND)

Provides that at least 24 hours before the State or a unit of local government, including a mosquito abatement district or a commercial entity hired by the State or a unit of local government (rather than the State or a unit of local government), applies a pesticide, including a pesticide intended to control mosquitoes (rather than a pesticide), to a public right-of-way that is located within the corporate boundaries of a municipality, the State, mosquito abatement district, or other unit of local government (rather than the State or the unit of local government) in which the application is to be made shall provide written notice to the public of the application of the pesticide, with certain notice information requirements, with notice sufficient if posted in newsletters, calendars, or other correspondence currently published by the State or the unit of local government in which the application is to be made (rather than to all residents whose residences are located within 200 feet of the public right-of-way to be treated, with notice sufficient if posted in newsletters, calendars, or other correspondence currently published by the State or the unit of local government in which the application is to be made). Provides that the State or a unit of local government, including a mosquito abatement district, need not comply with certain notice requirements if the application of pesticide is in response to (i) disease causing agents in vector mosquitoes, (ii) the occurrence of mosquito-borne disease in animal or human populations, or (iii) a natural disaster recovery effort.

SB 3418- SEN. ADRIANE JOHNSON (D-30TH) /REP. RITA MAYFIELD (D-60TH)

Amends the Illinois Highway Code clarifying P.A. 102-558 (8/20/24). Provides that a board of trustees in a county under township organization or a county organized as a commission form of government with a road district may elect or appoint a highway commissioner or clerk (rather than may appoint a highway commissioner) or contract with a neighboring township or road district (rather than contract with a neighboring township) to provide highway commissioner or clerk services. In provisions concerning a county organized as a commission form of government, removes residency requirements for a candidate to provide highway commissioner or clerk services if the district is within the township and has a population less than 1,000.

SB 3567- SEN. ERICA HARRISS (R-56TH)/ REP. AMY ELIK (R-111TH)

In provisions concerning Truth in Taxation notices, provides that the truth in taxation notice shall be posted on or near the top of the website's homepage or on a page accessible through a direct link from the homepage for not less than 30 consecutive days. Effective immediately.

The Illinois General Assembly will reconvene in November for a two-week veto session. The dates for that are November 12-14th and November 19th-21st.

TOIPAC Golf Outing

The 2nd Annual TOIPAC Golf Outing was held August 23rd at Lincoln Greens Golf Course in Springfield, IL and it was a success! A competitive outing that saw three teams finish tied for first place with a score of 63 (-9). After handicaps were figured in, the winner of the 2024 TOIPAC Golf Outing was TOIRMA's very own Executive Director Jim Donelan, Associate Director Matt Knight, Chuck Davis and Scott Selinger. Congrats to Team TOIRMA!

Also shooting 63 and finishing 2nd place were Bloom Township (Cook County) Road Commissioner Joe Stanfa and his group, featuring John Kwasigroch, Tom Shelly and Tom Stanfa.

The last group to shoot 63 and finishing in 3rd place were Carter Crabtree, Ben Johnson, Connor Allen, and Karrick Pembroke.

A special thank you to all of our hole sponsors, corporate sponsors, golfers and volunteers. All proceeds raised for TOIPAC benefit TOI's lobbying efforts in Springfield, IL. Plans are already in the works for the 3rd Annual TOIPAC Golf Outing in Springfield, IL. Stay tuned.



Winners of the Golf Outing! L to R: Ben Johnson, Tom Stanfa, Scott Selinger, Matt Knight, Jim Donelan, Joe Stanfa, Carter Crabtree, John Kwasigroch, Tom Shelley, Karrick Pembroke, and Connor Allen.



James Weisiger, Mary Weisiger, Rhonda Wrona, Bryan Wrona.



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



Chris Kain and Chuck Layer



Sean Richardson, Tyler Knight, Arnold Vegter, Mike Reed



Ted Hinze, Curtis Barber, Chuck Layer, Rick Heald.

Thank you to the TOIPAC Golf Outing Sponsors!

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2024-2025 Township Election Dates

If you follow TOI's Legislative Reports and Legislative Updates, you probably saw the passage of HB4488, which made some changes to the election code for township elections. This bill was signed by Governor Pritzker on July 1st, 2024, and has an effective date of July 1st, 2024. The new dates are as follows:

- First Day to Circulate Petitions: Tuesday, August 20th, 2024
- First Day to File Petitions: Tuesday November 12th, 2024
- Last day to File Petitions: Monday November 18th, 2024
- Petition Objections Due: Monday, November 25th, 2024
- Simultaneous Filing Lottery Deadline: Wednesday, November 27th
- Ballot Certification Day: Thursday, January 23rd, 2025
- Election Date: April 1st, 2025

If you are planning on attending the 2024 TOI Fall Conference in Springfield, IL November 11-13th at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and you are a Clerk, the first day to file petitions will be taking place on the second day of the Fall Conference. The Township Clerks Office must be available for filing on those days. If you have a Deputy Clerk, the Deputy should be able to be in the office and administer those duties while the Clerk is absent.

[CHECK OUT THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS RUNNING FOR OFFICE PAGE FOR IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS](#)
[LEO GUIDE](#)
[CAUCUS GUIDE](#)



Election Seminar

On July 30th in partnership with The Township Officials of Illinois Clerks Division, TOI conducted an in-person Election Seminar in Springfield, IL at the Northfield Center. The wall-to-wall crowd heard from speakers from the Illinois State Board of Elections, Attorney Ross Secler from OMFM, Ltd and TOI Consultant Bryan Smith.

With the Illinois Township Caucuses, primaries and general elections coming soon, the Clerks Division took the opportunity to hear from experts in the field of local elections. It was a success, and we are thankful for our speakers and all of the guests who joined us.

For more election-related content, Springfield local Attorney Tony Scheuring from Brown, Hay and Stephens will be conducting a webinar for TOI on October 24th, 2024, at 1:00 PM.

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Attendees of the Election Seminar



Brent Davis, State Board of Elections



Katy Dolan Baumer, Clerks Division President



Ross Secler, OMFM, Ltd.

Member Survey

TOI launched our first Member Survey since 2012 to get some ideas and feedback from our membership about what we can do better and how we can reach more people. So far, the results are starting to give us a better look at what's working, what's not and what we can do better. We have received over 500 compiled surveys. We need more! Please take time and make sure your township is included!

We are encouraging every member of TOI to fill out the survey. We value your feedback, and we would appreciate you taking a few minutes to fill out the survey.

The TOI Member Survey can be found here: [HTTPS://WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/X6JNP32](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/x6jnp32)



Salary Survey

Results of the TOI Salary Survey have been finalized. If you are in a Multi-Township Assessment District (MTAD), the last day to set the salaries for multi-township assessors and MTAD board members is November 2nd, 2024. These must be set 150 days before the term begins.

The last day for township boards to set salaries for all township officials for the new term is November 20th, 2024.

[THE TOI SALARY SURVEY CAN BE FOUND HERE](#)

Remember to set salaries by November 20, 2024. TOI is hosting a Lunch & Learn Webinar on Salary setting on October 1. **[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.](#)**

Veto Session



Veto Session this year will be held on the follow dates: November 12, November 13, November 14, November 19, November 20, and November 21.



Upcoming events

As part of the 117th Annual Educational Conference, TOI has partnered with the Illinois Property Assessment Institute (IPAI) to bring a Assessor's Training in conjunction with the TOI 117th Annual Educational Conference. If you are already registered for the 117th Annual Educational Conference, you can update your Housing Registration by contacting teresa@toi.org. Along with your Conference Registration, it is only \$30 (cost of materials) to attend the 2024 Assessor's Training. If you are not registered for the 117th Annual Educational Conference, registration for the 2024 Assessor's Training is \$260 (includes materials). **[DOWNLOAD THE REGISTRATION FORM HERE](#)**

GATI is again hosting a Training prior to the TOI Conference on November 11 at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield. **[DOWNLOAD THE REGISTRATION FORM HERE](#)**

Sept. 05	Professional Development Day 3	Oct. 23	Lunch & Learn Webinar - Township
Sept. 13	Q&A Day		Election
Sept. 18	Lunch & Learn Webinar - Comptroller	Nov. 11	Assessors Training
	Reporting	Nov. 11	GATI Training - Springfield
Sept. 26	District Event - Wood River	Nov. 11-13	Annual Educational Conference
Sept. 27	GATI Training - Bloomington		
Oct. 01	Lunch & Learn Webinar - Salary Setting		

Local Officials Day

Illinois Treasurer Michael Frerichs hosted the 2024 Local Officials Day on Saturday August 17th. Thank you to all the Township Officials that attended the August 17th event. It was a great turnout. Thank you to Treasurer Frerichs for hosting a great event!



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