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- May 13** TOI Q & A Day — Township Policies and Procedures
- May 18** Lunch & Learn Webinar — Utility Permits in Township Road Districts
- May 20** TSI Zone Meeting — Mt. Vernon
- May 26** Education District Event — Rockford
- June 7** Education District Event — Mt. Sterling, 6 to 8 pm
- June 10** TOI Q & A Day
- June 17** TSI Zone Meeting — Rockford
- June 23** Professional Development Day 2 — Quickbooks for Beginners
- July 15** TSI Zone Meeting — Bloomington
- July 20** Lunch & Learn Webinar
- July 22** TOI Q & A Day
- July 28** Education District Event — Bloomington
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# from the Executive Director's Desk



By Jerry B. Crabtree

TOI Executive Director

**I**N MAY 2021 (a year ago) you were all in the process of starting your new term in township government or returning to serve as an elected official in the oldest form of government in the United States—TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT. I hope that this past year has provided you with insight into the significance of township government. We have all managed to make it through and continue to fight an unprecedented health crisis in our country.

The office has been busy. We successfully closed our 40th ANNUAL LOBBY DAY on April 6th. The response and feedback from attendees have been great. I think we made a significant impact sending the TOWNSHIP message to the members of the Illinois General Assembly. Illinois Speaker of the House Chris Welch provided an outstanding keynote address at the lunch ensuring that unnecessary consolidation of township government was not currently open for discussion. We had about 50 members from the Illinois General Assembly attend the reception. Thank you to everyone who made the trip to Springfield. If you were unable to attend, please know that the 41st next year in 2023 will be even better.

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*Jerry B. Crabtree*  
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<u>Date</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Description</u>
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July 20, 2022 \$25	Shop Safety	Sponsored by TOIRMA.
August 11, 2022 \$25	Township Board Meeting Gone Bad	Instructional video: Township Board Meeting Gone Bad with Questions and Answers hosted by TOI.
September 14, 2022 \$25	Agendas, Minutes, and Best Practices	A discussion of meeting agendas, meeting minutes, and best practices. Hosted by Chuck Davis of Brown, Hay & Stephens.
October 12, 2022 \$25	To be Announced	To Be Announced

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*Jim Donelan, TOIRMA*

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*Matt Knight, TOIRMA*

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# Legislative Report

By Taylor Anderson

Anderson Legislative Consulting, Ltd.



**S**INCE THE RELEASE of the 2022 spring session calendar, there have been questions regarding if the General Assembly would be able to meet their ambitious adjournment date of April 8th. Reducing session by more than a month, would the legislature have enough time to pass a balanced budget and send it to the Governor's desk?

So, it was a bit of a surprise when the General Assembly managed to do exactly that. Providing you give some allowance that 6:00 a.m., the morning of Saturday April 9th, is near enough to April 8th to count; and to be perfectly honest most objections would have been too drowned out by the sounds of yawning, after a 20 plus hour marathon of a day, to matter.

The last week of spring session was a flurry of activity as legislative leaders and budget negotiators worked on crafting the budget behind the scenes, while the rest of the General Assembly focused on moving various pieces of legislation through the chambers in hopes of passing critical bills before adjournment.

Bills aimed at curbing organized retail theft, regulating "ghost guns," codifying that victims of carjackings are not responsible for traffic violations after theft, and a bill to reduce wage theft that was heavily supported by unions are just a few of the bills that were worked on late into Friday night.

The final budget package passed for FY23, consisted of three bills totaling \$45.6 billion. Included \$1.8 billion in tax holidays and temporary cuts intended to provide relief in response to the inflation costs on necessities, like food, school supplies and fuel. HB 900, the appropriation bill, HB 4700, the Budget Implementation Bill, and SB 157, which contained the tax relief items, weren't released in their final forms until around 10pm Friday night. However, earlier in the week saw Democrats in both the House and Sen-



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ate release separate budget proposals via press conferences. The final budget was essentially a mixture of the proposed budget by the Governor and the various options outlined by House and Senate Democrats, with the two budget bills being passed largely along party lines and the tax relief bill passing out of the House 110-0 and the Senate on a vote of 55-1.

The tax relief bill contains the following provisions:

- A six-month suspension of the state's scheduled 2-3 cent Motor Fuel Tax increase (July 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022). **Local tax collections will not be negatively impacted due to a fund transfer from the Leaking Underground Storage Tank fund.**
- A one-year suspension of a 1% sales tax on groceries (pharmaceuticals are exempted). This will not negatively impact local tax collections as the package establishes a new Grocery Tax Replacement Fund which reimburses local units of government.

- A one-time property tax rebate (up to \$300 for specified taxpayers) and a one-time income tax rebate of \$50 for single filers, \$100 for joint filers, with an added \$100 for each dependent (up to three) for select taxpayers based on their adjusted gross income. **Local levies are not expected to be impacted.**
- A “back-to-school” sales tax holiday on school supplies (August 5, 2022, through August 14, 2022). **Local tax collections will not be negatively impacted.**

All in all, this spring session ended with a mad dash of a last week, capped by one of the longest session days in recent memory. Townships did very well by all accounts this year, with the majority of bills with a negative impact on townships failing to pass both

chambers (though *HB 5538—prevailing wage applied to intergovernmental agreements*—is still alive and could be moved during veto session). While, HB 4251, a bill that raises the bid threshold from \$20,000 to \$30,000 for townships passed both chambers and will now be headed to the Governor’s desk (Thank you to Rep. Tony McCombie and Sen. Neil Anderson for working with TOI on this legislation).

For those of you able to join us in Springfield for the Township Officials of Illinois Annual Lobby Day, I want to personally say thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to come to the Capitol and participate in the advocacy for Illinois townships. I always enjoy the opportunity to talk to township officials from across this great State of ours and it is truly and honor and a privilege for our firm to represent you before the General Assembly.

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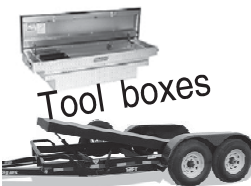
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# TOIRMA Update

By Jim Donelan

TOIRMA Executive Director



## Credit Cards vs. Debit Cards

**G**ROWING UP I loved the “Back to the Future” trilogy. Time travel has always been of interest to me, and these movies are always so much fun ... even today. There is a scene in *Back to the Future Part II* where an aging Marty McFly gets fired by his boss. The notice comes to Marty via fax, not only through one fax machine but three. At the time of the movie’s release, in 1989, it seemed inconceivable that a person would have multiple fax machines located in a single residence. Well fast forward to 2022. Although a typical person does not

have multiple fax machines, we do indeed have multiple devices that receive email or text messages. Sometimes in my house you can hear message or email notifications coming from all corners. Like *Back to the Future*, at times these messages are negative, i.e., from credit card companies informing you that your card may have been compromised.

During the East Central Highway Commissioners meeting in late March of this year, one of the highway commissioners in attendance asked a question that sparked a conversation about using credit

cards in township government. It was pointed out to participants that you cannot even book a hotel, rent a car, or make many purchases in today’s world without the help of our friends at “Visa, Mastercard, American Express, or Discover.” In fact, back in 2016 I drafted an article for this publication outlining the benefits of using a credit card over a debit card. After reviewing both past and up to date information and this article has been written to help township officials better understand the advantages of using a credit card rather than a debit card.

**Question:** What is the difference between a credit card and a debit card?

**Answer:** Although a credit card and debit card look the same, they are not. When using a credit card, the purchase is charged to your preapproved line of credit. You are borrowing the money. When using a debit card, the payment for the transaction is pulled directly from your checking account.

**Question:** Are there fees associated with credit and debit cards?

**Answer:** Typically, your financial institutions offer debit cards for your use if you have a checking account, and most banks do not charge for usage. Financial institutions partner with major credit providers such as Visa, Mastercard, Discover etc. so that debit cards can be used at locations accepting cards from these providers.

Most credit card companies do not charge for the usage of their cards. However, if a payment is not made in-full by the due date, there is an interest charge, and if a minimum payment is not made a fee may be charged as well.

**Question:** What happens when using a debit card if there are not enough funds in the checking account to cover the transaction?

**Answer:** If there are not enough funds in the applicable checking account to pay for transaction, the card will not process.

**Question:** What are the advantages of a credit card over a debit card if it is stolen?

**Answer:** When a debit card is stolen or compromised, funds are be taken from your checking account just as if you were using it. When a credit card is stolen or compromised, no funds are actually removed from your checking account.

**Question:** What protections are afforded to us when your debit card is lost or stolen?

**Answer:** According to the Federal Trade Commission, if your debit card is lost or stolen your maximum loss is \$50 if reported within two business days after you learn of the loss or theft. After

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two business days, and within 60 calendar days, of you learning about the loss or theft, your loss limit is increased to \$500. After 60 days of you learning of the loss or theft, you may be liable for the full amount. Remember, when this happens, money has already been removed from your checking account.

**Question:** What protections are afforded to us when your credit card is lost or stolen?

**Answer:** According to the Federal Trade Commission, if your credit card is stolen your liability caps out at \$50. You are not responsible for charges you did not authorize. Remember, when this happens money has not been taken from your checking account.

Credit cards offer clearly offer more protections during fraud to users.

**Question:** Is a debit card or credit card usage more in-line with the Township Code?

**Answer:** Credit card usage is more in-line with the spirit of the Township Code. Statute requires that prior to bills being paid that township board audit each proposed expenditure (except for payroll and general assistance). If the proposed bill is being drawn from a proper fund consistent with the adopted budget and appropriation ordinance, and there are funds available to pay the expenditure, it should be paid. Bills should be audited by the township board prior to being paid.

When using a credit card for a township or road district expenditure, no payment is actually made until the bill is paid to the credit card company. Following state statute, once the credit card bill is received, the township board should then examine the transactions prior to paying the bill. When using a debit card, the expenditure is actually paid for immediately, not affording the township board an opportunity to audit the bill prior to payment. Therefore, the most conservative approach would be for a township or road district to utilize a credit card over a debit card.

In the ever-expanding age of digital or cyber liability issues, please consider the above when making forthcoming financial decisions.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

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# TOIRMA Dividends



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**ROCKTON TOWNSHIP** (Winnebago Co.) Supervisor Paul Williams receiving a dividend check from Mickey Goral, TOIRMA Member Services Associate.



**KEITH TOWNSHIP** (Wayne Co.) Supervisor Bob Noblet and TOIRMA chairman Barb McGrew.



**HARTER TOWNSHIP** (Clay Co.) Supervisor Becky Wiley with TOIRMA chairman Barb McGrew



TOIRMA Director Jasper St. Angel and Mickey Goral, TOIRMA Member Services Associate (Right), presenting a dividend check to Supervisor Gary Jury (Center), **HARLEM TOWNSHIP** (Winnebago Co.).



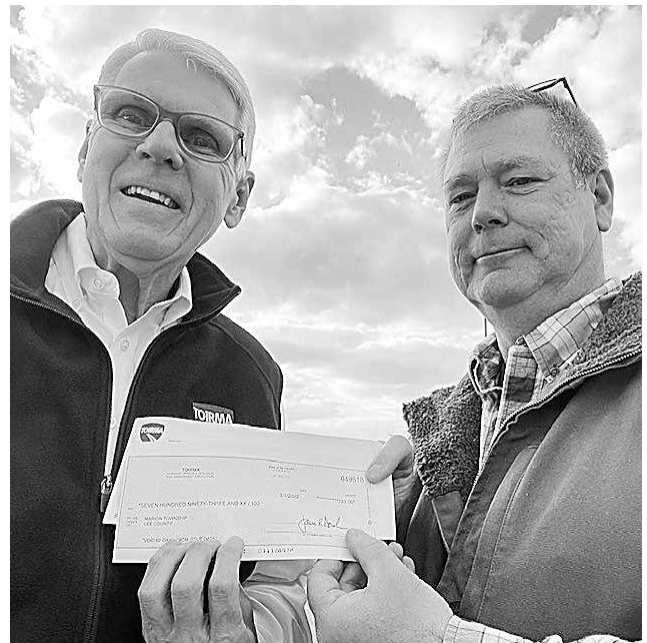
Mickey Goral, TOIRMA Member Services Associate and TOIRMA Director Jasper St. Angel (Right), presenting a dividend check to Supervisor Brian Piskie (Center) Poplar Grove Township (Boone Co.).



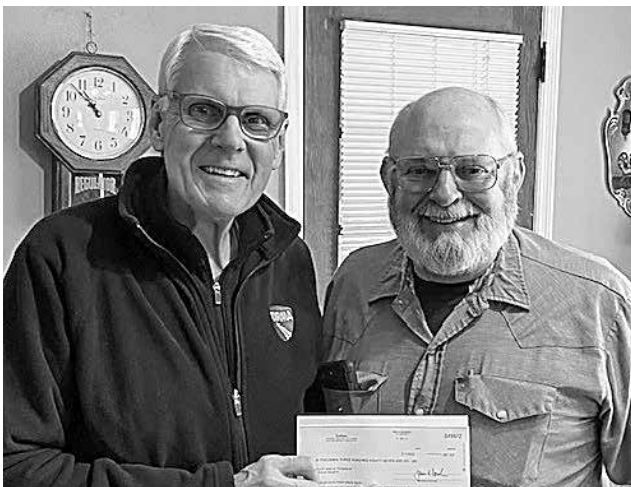
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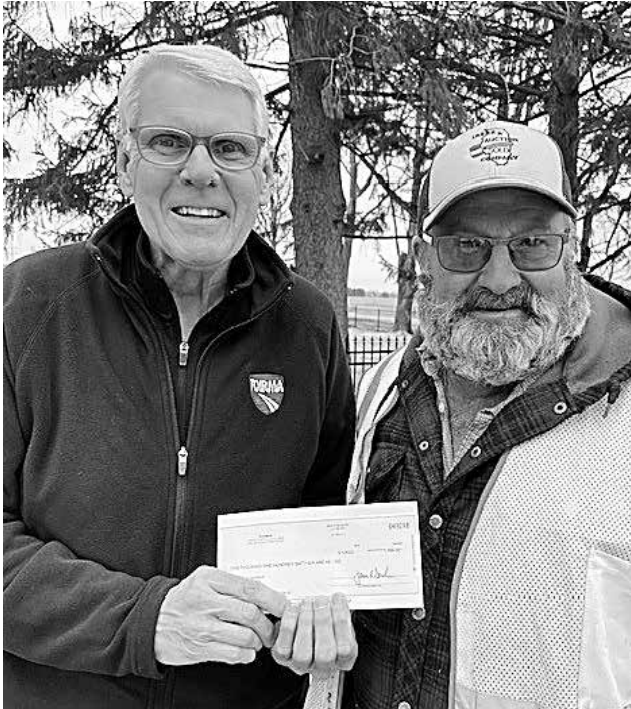
**ROCKFORD TOWNSHIP** (Winnebago Co.) Supervisor and TOIRMA Director Jasper St. Angel, receiving a dividend check from Mickey Goral, TOIRMA Member Services Associate.



Mickey Goral, TOIRMA Member Services Associate, presenting a dividend check to Highway Commissioner Jim Ackert, **MARION TOWNSHIP** (Lee Co.).



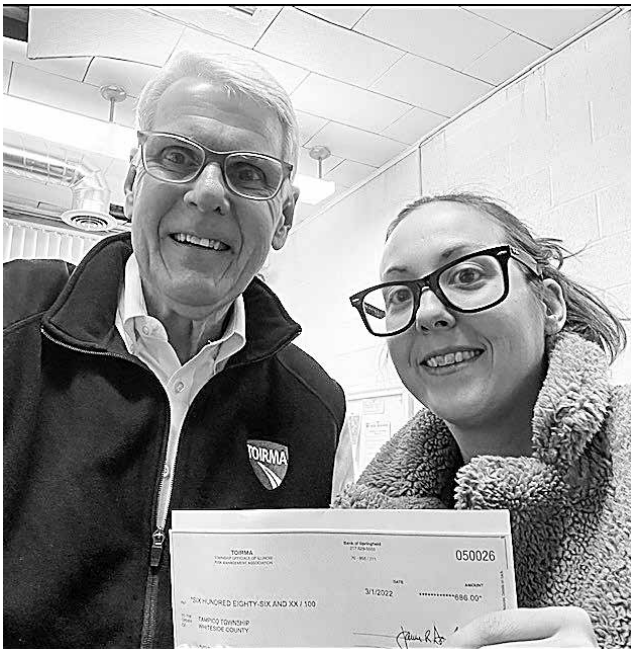
Mickey Goral, TOIRMA Member Services Associate, presenting a dividend check to Highway Commissioner Henry Burgweger, **SOUTH GROVE TOWNSHIP** (DeKalb Co.).



Mickey Goral, TOIRMA Member Services Associate, presenting a dividend check to Supervisor Ken Freeman, **FLORA TOWNSHIP** (Boone Co.).



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Mickey Goral, TOIRMA Member Services Associate, presenting a dividend check to **COUNCIL HILL TOWNSHIP** (JoDavie's Co.) Supervisor Brittnei Busch (Center) and Council Hill Township (JoDavie's Co.) Township Clerk Jeanette Podnar

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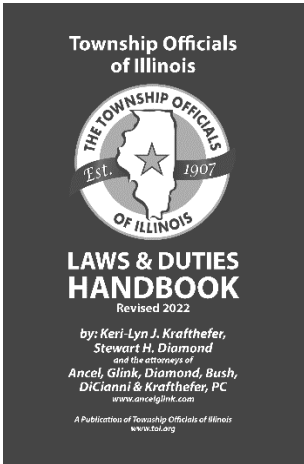
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2,000 - 3,499	\$400	\$660	\$1,060	\$400	\$1,320	\$1,720
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# Scenes From 2022 Lobby Day

**T**OWNSHIP OFFICIALS gathered in Springfield to speak face-to-face with state legislators and to gain their support for townships in Illinois. Lobby Day, on April 6, presented an opportunity for over 160 township officials to come together to voice their concerns and opinions to legislators about the issues facing township government.

This year marked the 40th annual year for Lobby Day, that included a luncheon held at the President Abraham Lincoln Doubletree Hotel. The luncheon keynote speaker was Speaker of the House Emanuel “Chris” Welch. Welch has served as 7th District Representative since 2013.

During his talk, Welch named each township in his district: River Forest and Proviso. He emphasized the

importance of connecting Township Officials and legislators, as well as the need to not let political lines get in the way of providing education on Townships.

TOI Legislative Consultant Taylor Anderson also addressed the crowd, he stressed the importance of talking to legislators, especially new incoming legislators.

After the luncheon, township officials headed to the State Capitol, where many had arranged to meet with their district representatives to discuss township related legislation. The day concluded with the Annual Legislative Reception, held at the Illinois State Library, where legislators and township officials continued to network.



**LOWE TOWNSHIP** (Moultrie Co.) Supervisor Michael Hafer, Rockton Township (Winnebago Co.) Supervisor Paul Williams, Rockton Township (Winnebago Co.) Trustee Constance Gleeson, and Rockton Township (Winnebago Co.) Trustee Vicky Ivy.



**ROCKFORD TOWNSHIP** (Winnebago Co.) Township Clerk Carl Wasco, Rockford Township (Winnebago Co.) Supervisor Jasper St. Angel, Harlem Township (Winnebago Co.) Assessor Jon Vaiden, Harlem Township (Winnebago Co.) Supervisor Gary Jury, and Rockford Township (Winnebago Co.) Deputy Highway Commissioner Barry Palm.



**WEST TOWNSHIP** (Effingham Co) Supervisor Scott Beal, Wheatland Township (Will Co.) Supervisor David Scriven-Young, Atkinson Township (Henry Co.) Supervisor Ray Elliot, Reed Township (Will Co.) Supervisor and TOI Board of Directors Sherrill Knorr, Grant Township (Lake Co.) Supervisor and TOI Board of Directors Kay Starostovic, and Cambridge Township (Henry Co.) Supervisor and TOI Board of Directors Dave Dobbels.



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**SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE** and Rep. (D-7) Emanuel "Chris" Welch addressing attendees as the Keynote Speaker of Lobby Day.



**WINFIELD TOWNSHIP** (DuPage Co.) Highway Commissioner John Dusza, Addison Township (DuPage Co.) Highway Commissioner Donald Holod, Milton Township (DuPage Co.) Trustee Jeff Castle, Milton Township (DuPage Co.) Highway Commissioner Gary Muehlfelt, Milton Township (DuPage Co.) Trustee Dan Milinko, Milton Township (DuPage Co.) Trustee Joe Soto, and Milton Township (DuPage Co.) Supervisor John Monino.



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**STATE TREASURER** Mike Frerichs, Hickory Point Township (Macon Co.) Highway Commissioner Kevin Bird, and TOIRMA Member Services Associate Mickey Goral.



**CITY OF BLOOMINGTON TOWNSHIP** (McLean Co.) Assessor Steven Scudder, City of Bloomington Township (McLean Co.) Supervisor Deborah Skillrud, and Sen. (R-44) Sally Turner.



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**UNION GROVE TOWNSHIP** (Whiteside Co.) Highway Commissioner and TOI Board of Directors Arnold Vegter and Rep. (R-71) Tony McCombie.



**REP. (R-105) Dan Brady, Rep. (D-10) Jawaharial Williams, Rep (D-103) Carol Ammons, Esmen Township (Livingston Co.) Supervisor and TOI Board of Directors Second Vice President Susan Curtiss, TOI Executive Director Jerry B. Crabtree, Reed Township (Will Co.) Supervisor and TOI Board of Directors Sherrill Knorr, Blackhawk Township (Rock Island Co.) Supervisor and TOI Board of Directors Chuck Layer, Grant Township (Lake Co.) Supervisor and TOI Board of Directors Kay Starostovic, and Rep. (D-9) Lakesia Collins.**



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**TOI OFFICE MANAGER and Drug & Alcohol Program Coordinator Pam Butler and Esmen Township (Livingston Co.) Supervisor and TOI Board of Directors Second Vice President Susan Curtiss.**



**REP. (R-106)** Thomas Bennett, Esmen Township (Livingston Co.) Supervisor and Board of Directors Susan Curtiss, TOI Legislative Consultant Taylor Anderson, TOI Legislative Consultant Letitia Dewith-Anderson, and Huntsville Township (Schuyler Co.) Highway Commissioner and TOI President Danny Hanning.



**REP. (R-88)** Keith Sommer, Rep. (R-54) Thomas Morrison, Rep. (R-99) Sandra Hamilton, and TOI Executive Director Jerry B. Crabtree.



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# TOWNSHIP TAKEOVER: CEMETERIES



"What is the process for a township to take over control of a cemetery from a private entity wishing to convey the cemetery to the township?"

When exploring the authority townships have in relation to cemeteries it is important to understand there are numerous applicable statutes. These include among others: 60 ILCS 130 of the Township Code and the Public Graveyards Act (50 ILCS 610).

To begin, it is not mandatory and a township may decline a request. In the **Township Code** states in 60 ILCS 1/130-5:

*"A township may establish cemeteries and maintain cemeteries within and without its territory, may acquire lands for cemeteries by condemnation or otherwise, may lay out lots of convenient size for families, and may sell lots for a family burying ground or to individuals for burial purposes."*

**The Public Graveyards Act, 50 ILCS 610:**

*"The voters of any town at an annual town meeting may accept a conveyance from any person corporation, association or society of any property within the limits of the township which has been, used as a public graveyard or burial ground. After the acceptance of any such conveyance the property conveyed shall be under the control, management, maintenance and ownership of the township."*

As the above statute indicates, it is necessary for the township to obtain approval of the township electors (voters of the township) prior to a township having authority to acquire a cemetery at an annual township meeting. The Annual Town Meeting is held annually on the second Tuesday in April.

## AUTHORITY

- Townships may keep the authority of the cemetery with the township board.
- Townships may, under the Public Graveyards Act, vest control of the cemetery in a three (3) person cemetery board. [ 50 ILCS 610/1].

## FUNDING

- Use of corporate town fund towards cemetery maintenance. A township may appropriate corporate town funds for the purpose of cemetery operations.
- A township cemetery tax may be levied. This tax levy is applicable for townships with a - population of 100,000 or less. Fifty (50) legal voters of the township must present a petition to the township clerk asking the Township Cemetery Tax be levied annually. The township clerk shall certify the proposition to the proper election officials, who shall submit the proposition to the voters at an election in accordance with the general election law. If a majority of all the votes cast upon the proposition are in favor then the township shall annually thereafter levy the tax.
- With either funding mechanism, townships are required to include



# TOWNSHIP TAKEOVER: CEMETERIES



any anticipated expenditures in their budget and appropriation ordinance.

- In summary, a township board should evaluate the financial obligation the maintenance of a cemetery will have on the township long-term. Upon a review of this commitment and the determination to move forward a township will need to decide to utilize the corporate town fund and/or institute a cemetery tax (referendum at an election) for this purpose. Again, elector approval during an annual township meeting is needed prior to a township acquiring control of a cemetery property.
- When becoming a new cemetery authority, a township should register with the Illinois Office of the Comptroller. Registration information may be found at our website at: [www.toi.org/downloads.html](http://www.toi.org/downloads.html).

## **TOWNSHIPS ALSO HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO DO THE FOLLOWING:**

- Appropriate township funds for the maintenance of a cemetery owned by the State, another unit of local government, or a non-profit cemetery that is not for religious or sectarian purposes. [60 ILCS 610/2c].
- Perform a clean-up of an abandoned cemetery within the township. [60 ILCS I/130-5].

*If you desire a legal opinion you are encouraged to contact a township attorney. This article is not intended to and does not constitute legal advice. While this fact sheet is designed to provide material that is helpful and informative, the accuracy, completeness, and adequacy of the material provided is not warranted or guaranteed. It is recommended that individuals consult with their attorneys prior to utilizing any of the material contained in this publication.*

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# The Scoop on Supervisors

By Sherrill Knorr

President, Township Supervisors of Illinois



**M**AY ... WHAT A GREAT MONTH. The weather is getting warming, trees are budding, and flowers may be sprouting. Life as we know it is returning.

May also brings with an end to newly elected officials first year in office. I do hope it has been everything you thought it would be. For Supervisors it is the time to get down to your Budget and Appropriations Process. This must be adopted by the township board within or before the end of the first quarter of each fiscal year. (50 ILCS 330/3) The budget is a forecast of what funds will be available to the township during the fiscal year and to the spending limits you will face. It is used to help you carry out your goals and to control expenditures. Remember, if it isn't in the budget, you can't spend it!

Supervisors must prepare budgets not only with immediate need, but also long-range goals. Since the highway commissioner, assessor and supervisor all submit budget requests, it is a good idea to work on the budget with them. It's a great way to let everyone know the money available, what projects they would like to accomplish, and what other decisions must be made so township services run effectively.

If you follow these procedures all year long you should be in good shape in creating your new budget:

- Maintain an efficient accounting system
- Continually assess township needs
- Insist on prompt reporting of financial transactions

- Carry out an annual certified audit
- Use available revenue to best serve the public's interest
- Carefully prioritize goals
- Operate each service program as efficiently as you can
- Ensure township money is spent on items for which it was appropriated

Many supervisors carry out these responsibilities with an attorney's or accountant's help. Refer to the existing statutes, to the Laws and Duties Handbook, or to experienced township officials for additional help.

The GATI session will have completed by the printing of the article. The first went very well and attendees were very pleased with the new format. We reached our limit on attendance for Rockford and Effingham also had a great attendance.

The Supervisors are offering Educational Sessions this year. The program will be *Budgets and Levies* and *Ask a Supervisor*. Dates for these are:

May 20	Drury Inn & Suites in Mt. Vernon
June 17	Radisson Hotel in Rockford
July 15	DoubleTree Hotel in Bloomington
August 12	Stoney Creek Hotel in East Peoria

Registrations form for these can be found at [www.toi.org](http://www.toi.org) in the Supervisor's Division section and in previous issues of this magazine! Whether you are a new or seasoned official, sign up for a training. You never know what you will learn!

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- \_\_\_\_\_ July 15 - Double Tree Hotel, 19 Brickyard Dr., Bloomington
- \_\_\_\_\_ August 12 - Stoney Creek Hotel, 101 Mariners Way, East Peoria

#### Program Agenda

8:30 a.m.	Registration and Coffee
9:00 a.m.	Welcome, Introduction, TOI & TOIRMA Update
9:30 a.m.	Levy
10:30 a.m.	Break
10:45 a.m.	Budget
11:45 a.m.	Ask a Supervisor
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# Clerk's Corner

By Lisa Hodge

President, TOI Clerks Division



## We preserve the history of our Township as it happens

**A**PRIL 13, 2022! You may ask: "What's so special about that date?" it's the day after the Annual Town Meeting (ATM)! Hopefully the ATM went well for everyone and Clerks across the state could take a breath!

I suggest that Clerks prepare the minutes of the 2022 ATM as soon as you can. Since the Moderator signs the minutes (as well as the Clerk), it's a good idea to have them sign the "draft" ATM minutes as soon as possible. If you wait until next spring, you may find there is a situation where the Moderator of the 2022 ATM is not available to review and sign them. Examples: they moved out of the Township/ State, they have health issues (or other situations) that may cause them to be unavailable.

Another point to consider: the Clerk that attended the 2022 ATM and took the minutes, may not be in office come spring of 2023. The ATM is fresh in your mind; preparing the ATM minutes now, rather than next spring, takes one item off your plate in preparing for the 2023 ATM.

### DUES

We are in the middle of a robust Dues season. If you have already sent in your form and payment, thank you! As of April 10 (article submission deadline), we have just north of 450 members that have paid their dues. I respectfully ask for your patience while waiting for your Membership card to be mailed back to you.

If the filled-in Dues form is not correct, please cross out any incorrect info, and print the correct information, and we will update your profile with TOI.

### EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

The Clerk's Board of Directors met on April 23 and finalized the plans for the November Conference. I'll outline the sessions we will sponsor/present in next month's Clerks Corner.

From May through September, TOI is offering 5 Education Events throughout the State. I encourage everyone, from Veteran Clerks to newly elected Clerks, to attend one of the Events.

I was thrilled to meet three newly elected Clerks that attended the March 15, Naperville Education Event. I also enjoyed reconnecting with the eight returning or Veteran Clerks. We had an enjoyable Q and A session in the "breakout session". As noted in previous Clerks Corner articles, the three evening Education Events will not include a "breakout session", however, there will be at least one Board member present to help answer any questions that you may have.

We do our best to keep the Clerk's Division tab on the TOI website up to date. Click on the Education Opportunities and Calendar tabs. You will find a list of all upcoming education opportunities.

As part of my TOI Board of Directors' responsibilities, I was asked to be the 2022 Conference Chair. The Conference Committee has been busy planning for the upcoming November 13-15, 2022 Conference. The 2022 Conference will have a new and fresh look! Please stay tuned to the *Perspective* magazine to read all about it! (Consider this your "Save the Date" post-card).

As always, if you have a question/concern/suggestion, please send it to me. Email me at [clerk@blackberrytwp.com](mailto:clerk@blackberrytwp.com), write me at 43W390 Main Street Road, Elburn, IL 60119, or call 630-365-9109, ext. 5.

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# Highway Commissioner's Beat



By Arnold Vegter

President, Township Highway Commissioners of Illinois  
Union Grove Township (Whiteside Co.) Highway Commissioner

## Summer Seminar – THCOI

**B**Y THE TIME YOU READ THIS ARTICLE you should have received your registration for the Township Highway Commissioners of Illinois Summer Seminar, if you haven't it will be arriving in the mail soon. You should also be able to go to [www.toi.org](http://www.toi.org) and under the Highway Commissioners Division to download the registration form, as well as in this magazine.

This is a great educational event for all Highway Commissioners young and old as you are never too old to learn something new! The date of this event is August 1, 2, and 3 at the Pere Marquette Hotel and the Peoria Civic Center. Monday night and Tuesday will be held in the Civic Center and Wednesday morning is at the Pere Marquette.

This is a free event for all dues-paying members

of THCOI. There is ample time to spend with many different vendors as they display their products and goods for all to see and ask questions about their product.

There is also many topics discussed during the educational programs of the seminar such as "How To Utilize Your Township Clerk", "Drainage Permits For When You Are Putting In Tubes And Bridges", "New Easements For New Utilities", "Budget And Levy's", "How You Can Spend Money Legally From Each Account," and "Right Of Way" just to name some of the topics that will be presented.

We have a really good lineup of vendors and speakers for you, and we hope to see you all in Peoria on August 1st, 2nd and 3rd. If you have any question, you can call me at 815-535-5170.

## Mark Your Calendars!

38<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Seminar for  
Highway & Road District Commissioners  
August 1-3, 2022 Peoria, IL



You don't want to miss this event!

- Vendor Displays & Equipment Show
- Educational Sessions & Speakers
- Collaboration with other Highway & Road District Commissioners
- Social time and prizes



**REGISTRATION**  
**Township Highway Commissioners of Illinois**  
**Summer Seminar 2022**

Peoria Civic Center/Peoria Marriott Pere Marquette

Peoria, IL

August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>

# HC REGISTRATION IS FREE

**Guests/Spouse are welcome for a \$50 registration fee.**

Highway Commissioner

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Township \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

**GUEST/SPOUSE of HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER**

Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Guest/Spouse Registration(s) at \$50 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL SEMINAR Registrations \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Last Date to Pre-Register: Friday, July 22, 2022**

-----Be sure to make your HOTEL reservations directly with your hotel-----

**Peoria Marriott Pere Marquette - 309-637-6500 or Courtyard by Marriott 309-671-5050**

**Remit Registration Form To: Alice Reed, Township Highway Commissioners of Illinois, P.O. Box 291, Blue Mound, IL 62513 Any questions - Alice Reed (217) 972-3039**

**West Central Illinois Highway Commissioners Association  
TO HOST 29th ANNUAL SUMMER SEMINAR**

On Tuesday, June 14, and Wednesday, June 15, WCIHCA will hold its Annual Summer Seminar. The Seminar will begin at THE ANNEX in LaHarpe, Illinois. The Annex is located on Illinois Route 9 at the east end of LaHarpe. Following lunch on Tuesday, the activities will move to Argyle State Park, which is west of Macomb and North of Colchester, Illinois. There will be an Equipment Show, mini excavator Rodeo and Demonstration of the latest Makes and Models of Equipment with hands-on experience available.

Registration will begin at 8:00 A.M. on Tuesday and Wednesday. Registration Fees will be \$75.00 in advance or \$85.00 at the door for the Highway Commissioner and \$45.00 in advance or \$55.00 at the door for guests. The Registration Fee will include your membership dues, lunch at the ANNEX in LaHarpe, and Rib Eye Dinner at the Argyle State Park on Tuesday, and Breakfast and Lunch at Argyle State Park on Wednesday. **If you are unable to attend the seminar your dues for the Association are \$20.00.** Due to cost we had to raise prices.

To register in advance, make a check out to WCIHCA and send with the registration form (below) to

**WCIHCA, c/o Tammy Dickenson – Mark Boyer, Treas.,  
PO Box 203  
Smithshire, IL 61478**

**PLEASE HAVE YOUR RESERVATION IN BY MAY 31, 2022**

<b>Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at THE ANNEX, La Harpe, IL</b>	<b>LAKE ARGYLE STATE PARK, Colchester, IL</b>
8:00 AM Registration Begins	1:00-5:00 PM Equipment Show
9:00 AM Opening Comments – Dennis Gibb, President, Ellison Twp. (Warren Co.) TOI – Jerry Crabtree TOIRMA – Jim Donelan	Mini Excavator Rodeo Hands-on Equipment
9:30 AM Budget/Levy – Jerry Crabtree (TOI)	5:00 PM Rib-eye Steak Dinner
10:30 AM BREAK	
11:00 AM Laws Do's and Don'ts – John Redlingshafer (Attorney)	<b>Wednesday June 15, 2022 at Lake Argyle</b>
11:45 AM LUNCH Business Meeting Drawing	8:00 AM Registration Begins
1:00 PM Adjourn to Lake Argyle	8:00 AM Breakfast
	8:30 AM Vendor Booths Open
	9:00 AM Vendor Parade
	9:30-11:30 Mini Excavator Rodeo Finals
	10:00 AM Mulching Demo – Cory Babcock
	11:30 AM LUNCH
	12:30 PM **Attendance Prize Drawing**
	<b>Must Be Present to Win</b>

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name – Highway Commissioner or Other)

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(Township)

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(County)

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(Township Mailing Address)

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Highway Comm. \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Due to the high prices for Ribeye Steaks please check the appropriate choice below for attending the dinner on Tuesday night \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

Seminar Pre-Registration (\$75.00) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(At the door Registration) (\$85.00)

Guest \_\_\_\_\_ x \$45.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(include guest names on back – optional)

**Dues for WCIHCA \$ 20.00**  
(please pay dues if not attending)

**TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

# Ready For the Defense



By Steve Judge

Judge Law, LLC

## County Clerk Lacked the Authority to Refuse to Place the Township's Referendum on the Ballot

**T**HIS MONTH'S COLUMN focuses on the issue of whether the County Clerk may make the determination that a Township referendum is prohibited and refuse to place the proposition on the ballot, or whether the Clerk is obligated to perform the ministerial act of doing so.

In *McHenry Township v. The County of McHenry*, 2022 IL 12758, the Illinois Supreme Court first looked to the Illinois Constitution stating:

“the legislature shall provide by law for the formation of townships in any county when approved by county-wide referendum. Townships may be \*\*\* dissolved \*\*\* when approved by referendum in each township affected.” Ill. Const. 1970, art. VII, § 5. Proposals for the dissolution of a township “may be initiated and submitted to the electors by resolution of the governing board of a unit of local government or by petition of electors in the manner provided by law.” *Id.* § 11(a).

The Illinois Supreme Court next reviewed the statutory framework of Article 24 of the Township Code. Article 24 provides for the dissolution of townships in McHenry County through referendum proposed by a township board. McHenry County. Pub. Act 101-230 (eff. Aug. 9, 2019) (adding 60 ILCS 1/art. 24).

Specifically, 24-15 provides that any board of trustees of a McHenry County Township may adopt a resolution to dissolve the township to submit to the voters of a township at the next upcoming election. Section 24-30(a) provided the following example to be strictly conformed to:

“Shall the (dissolving township), together with any road districts wholly within the boundaries of (dissolving township), be dissolved on (date of dissolution) with all of the township and road district property, assets, personnel, obligations, and liabilities being transferred to McHenry County?

YES

NO” *Id.* § 24-30(a).

### Appellate Court's Reliance on *People ex rel. Giese v. Dillon*

In *People ex rel. Giese v. Dillon*, 107 N.E. 583 (Ill. 1915), citizens of La Salle County submitted a petition to include the question “Shall this town become anti-saloon territory?” on the ballot. *Id.* The clerk refused to add the question to the ballot, stating that it did not comply with the law as the sworn statements were not signed by authorized individuals at the bottom of each page and the signatures were not given in person by legal voters.

Affirming the trial court's ruling that the clerk was required to add the question to the ballot, the Illinois Supreme Court agreed that it is the clerk's responsibility to determine whether a petition for a question is valid upon the “face of the petition”. *Id.* However, the clerk may not look outside the four corners of the petition to determine whether the petition does in fact comply. *Id.* The clerk is obligated to submit the question to the voting citizens. *Id.*

The authority of individuals signing at the bottom of pages and the legitimacy of the signatures of authorized votes could not be determined based upon the face of an election petition. *Id.* Looking solely at the face of the petition, the clerk must conclude that it is in compliance with the law and would be obligated to submit such a question to the voters. *Id.* Should the petition, on its face, have not appeared to comply with the statutory laws, the clerk could have rightfully refused to submit the petition to the voters. *Id.*

### Appellate Court's Reliance on *North v. Hinkle*

In *North v. Hinkle*, Plaintiffs filed nominating papers for candidacy of various city positions. *North v. Hinkle*, 229 Ill.Dec. 579 (Ill. App. 1998). Plaintiffs included the required statements of economic interest and nonpartisan petitions for nomination. *Id.* However, Plaintiffs omitted the required “statement of candidacy”. *Id.*

Since Plaintiffs failed to submit a “statement of candidacy”, the city clerk did not submit Plaintiffs' names for the ballot. *Id.* Plaintiffs argued that the clerk lacked the authority to do so and failed to file any objections to their nominating papers as required by section 10-15 of the Election Code (the Code) (10 ILCS

5/10-15 (West 1996)). The clerk argued that pursuant to her duty under section 10-8 of the Code (10 ILCS 5/10-8 (West 1996)), she was obligated to determine whether each candidate's papers complied with the code and may refuse to certify them from the ballot if they do not comply. *North v. Hinkle*, 229 Ill.Dec. 579 (Ill. App. 1998).

Section 10-5 of the Code (10 ILCS 5/10-5 (West 1996)) requires a statement of candidacy to be included with nominating papers. Plaintiffs were not in compliance with the code and the trial court agreed with the clerk. *Id.*

The Appellate Court agreed that the question of whether a "statement of candidacy" was included with nominating papers was specifically the kind of question which could be answered based upon review of the face of the papers themselves. The clerk was able to make such a determination as a ministerial act and could properly refuse to certify Plaintiffs on the ballot.

### The Clerk May Not Look Outside the Face of the Petition to Determine if it Complies

Section 10-8 specifically addresses public questions and nominating papers as follows:

"Certificates of nomination and nomination papers, and petitions to submit public questions to a referendum, being filed as required by this Code, and being in apparent conformity with the provisions of this Act, shall be deemed to be valid unless objection thereto is duly made in writing within 5 business days after the last day for filing the certificate of nomination or nomination papers or petition for a public question \*\*\*." 10 ILCS 5/10-8 (West 2018).

While Section 10-8 permits a clerk to deny nominating papers and petitions for public questions of they do not have "apparent conformity" with the law, it does not reference public question resolutions and therefore, does not apply to township initiated public question resolutions. *McHenry Township v. The County of McHenry*, 2022 IL 12758. In this case, the clerk exercised authority under section 28-5.

Since there is no device for individuals to object to a public question which is initiated by a resolution, the clerk argued that it is the clerk's position to determine whether a question may be in violation of section 28-7 and to prevent such a question from being placed on the ballot.

However, the Illinois Supreme Court held that a county clerk or even a private citizen could seek a judicial determination regarding the validity of a public question stating:

"The unambiguous text of section 28-5 does not authorize a clerk to reject a proposition on the ground that the same proposition appeared less than 23 months earlier, because section 28-7 is outside the limitations of section 28-1." *Id.*

In conclusion, a proposition to dissolve the township must be in compliance with article 28 of the election code. In this case, the restriction preventing the same proposition on the ballot within 23 months is under section 28-7 rather than 28-1. Defendant's exercise of section 28-5 was improper and did not permit the clerk to prevent the dissolution from appearing on the ballot under a violation of section 28-7.



## Plan Your Next Energy Efficiency Project with Help from the Ameren Illinois Early Completion Bonus

We're excited to announce that Ameren Illinois offers an **EARLY COMPLETION BONUS** for energy efficiency projects completed between now and September 2022. Lighting, HVAC, and many custom projects for your community's particular needs may be eligible for our cash incentives — and when you finish your energy efficiency project early, you can add additional money to your budget!

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ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM



# Illinois Township Association of General Assistance Caseworkers



By Mary Jo Imperato

President, ITAGAC

**O**N APRIL 14, 2022, more than 75 caseworkers from around the State attended the General Assistance Caseworkers Association first annual conference at the Par-A-Dice Casino and Conference Center in East Peoria. Topics presented during the conference included Medicare and Medicaid, Department of Human Services available resources and program updates, Illinois Housing Development Authority and Social Security Disability. With the success of the first Conference, the Association plans to host a conference annually in addition to the educational workshops presented throughout the year.

There are many lingering effects since the start of the pandemic. Companies closed, restaurants forced to limit the number of diners allowed in at a time, parents struggling with work and school schedules and the list goes on. As caseworkers working with families in financial crisis many are dealing with mental illness as well. As caseworkers, it is important to be able to identify when a resident is in crisis as well as know how to get them the help they may need.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is the nation's largest grassroots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness.

According to NAMI in 2020, one in five adults experienced mental health illness, one in 20 expe-

rienced serious mental health illness, one in fifteen experienced both a substance abuse disorder and mental illness, and more than 12 million had thoughts of suicide.

NAMI is a great resource for both caseworkers as well as families in a mental health crisis. Please visit: [www.NAMI.org](http://www.NAMI.org) for information on warning signs, mental health conditions, common mental health treatments and mental health by numbers as well as search for mental health treatment sites by State to find available resources in your area.

The General Assistance Caseworker Association is planning the next educational workshop and will present on Suicide Prevention. Please watch future issues of Perspective for more information.

The Association makes every effort to present on topics relevant to our work. If there is an organization or topic you would be interested in hearing about, please let us know.

Thank you for all you do to assist residents in need. Please stay healthy and safe.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Jo Imperato  
President  
Illinois Township Association of General Assistance Caseworkers

To become a member please mail payment to:

Illinois Township Association of General Assistance Caseworkers, c/o Kindra Cunningham, 143 Arnold Road, East Peoria, Illinois 61611.

Yes, we want to be a member. My \$25 check is enclosed.

No, I do not want to join, but please keep me on your mailing list.

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Name	Township
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Address	City and Zip Code
_____	_____
Email Address	Phone



By Tina Houdek

President, AITCOY

## A Message from the President

**S**PRING HAS SPRUNG and with the changes associated with it comes trends in adolescents acting out! Whether or not your township provides, funds, or supports services for youth and their families, Spring is a good time to think about how your township can make a difference in the quality of life for all by supporting and providing services to youth.

Members of AITCOY provide an array of services to combat and prevent juvenile delinquency and high school dropouts. Some examples include clinical services, tutoring services, after school programs, parenting classes, youth employment services, athletic programs, court diversion programs, community service and leadership programs to name a few. Programs are offered to township residents for free, on a sliding scale, or a nominal cost. Schools, Police, Village/City Halls, Juvenile Probation, religious institutions, and community social service providers rely on the services provided by our members - they are affordable, reliable, convenient, and are responsive to community needs.

The next workshop that AITCOY is offering will be on Thursday, May 26th, 2022. This workshop is in person and Ela Township will be hosting. Detective Mark Frey from Lake Zurich Police Department will be presenting. The workshop is titled "Social Media and Youth". is conducting the training on social media and the dangers and ways to help aid our clients in remaining safe while using social media. Please visit our website at <https://www.aitcoy.org/workshops.html> for additional information and registration. Looking forward to seeing you there. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me if you have any questions regarding AITCOY.

Happy Spring!!

### Did you know?

Did you know...that May 1-5, 2022 is Children's Mental Health Awareness Week? This awareness week is intended to raise awareness in the mental health needs that children require to adapt into healthy well-adjusted adults. According to Youth Mental Health Project, research indicates that children's brains develop well into their mid-20's. With this, it is important to know that children's emotions and behaviors CAN BE signs that they are struggling with their mental health, which can happen for a variety of reasons or for no apparent reason at all.

In fact, some thoughts, feelings, and behaviors can actually be symptoms of diagnosable emotional, mental, or behavioral health disorders that require intervention and treatment by a mental health professional. A potential problem is that it can be difficult to know the difference between signs of concern and fairly typical phases or stages of development. While not all mental health struggles will lead to a diagnosis, this should not be a deterrent to seek help and treatment. When a child shows symptoms of a physical illness, whether it is a sore throat or a broken arm, parents should not hesitate to seek treatment. In this regard, parents should not be ashamed to seek treatment when symptoms of mental health struggles arise ([YMHproject.org](http://YMHproject.org))

So, parents, how would you know if your child is struggling with their mental health? Understand that each child is different and therefore may not give you obvious signs that they are depressed, worried, or anxious. Talking to your child about emotions on a daily basis to create normalcy around emotions and asking them questions is key. Sometimes mental health issues are obvious and, in this instance, then provide support, hear them out and do not criticize. Seek professional mental health services as soon as you can since this can further assist in sorting out any negative issues that your child may be experiencing.



By Megan Conway

Director, Department of Aging Services, Hanover Township

## May is Older Americans Month: Celebrate the Older Adults in Your Township

**E**ACH MAY, the Administration on Community Living (ACL) leads the nation's observance of Older Americans Month. Older Americans Month is a way to focus efforts and advance causes for older adults in our communities. The Administration on Community Living is an office under the Department of Health and Human Services (DHS). In 2012, the Administration on Aging joined several other offices under the umbrella of the ACL. According to the ACL website, the office "was created around the fundamental principle that older adults and people of all ages with disabilities should be able to live where they choose, with the people they choose, and with the ability to participate fully in their communities" ([acl.gov](http://acl.gov)). The work that we do as Townships and providers of Aging Services speaks to the heart of this mission. ITASCSC encourages every township to celebrate and support Older Americans Month in May. The year's theme is "Age My Way."

There are several ways your Township can support this initiative. Visit <https://acl.gov/oam/2022/oam-2022-activity-ideas> for more ideas. A very easy way to support the awareness campaign is to have your board pass a resolution recognizing May as Older Americans Month. ITASCSC members are happy to share samples and ideas if you need assistance. Reach out to us at through the website.

Another great activity that costs very little time, money, and resources is to host a storytelling party, either virtually or in-person. **Encouraging people to tell their stories** is a great way to celebrate Older Americans Month and the adults in your community. Gather a group of people and select a theme or question for ideas to get the conversation started. For example: "What's something people wouldn't know about you just from looking at you? Tell a story about someone who has had a significant impact on your life." Other great questions can be found on the StoryCorps website: <https://storycorps.org-staging.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/>

[SC.TipsforEffectiveInterviews.GreatQuestionList.pdf](#). Allow each person five minutes and record their stories for posterity.

Your township could also **coordinate a group project**. One example is to set aside some space for a community garden for flowers or produce. This is a way to encourage intergenerational activity while also beautifying the community. If distance is a challenge, provide each person with seeds or small plants to grow at home; the people can then bring to your site for display collectively.



Finally, your township could **host a special event**. Focusing on event themes that encourage independence and remaining independent in their homes is of particular importance. Bring a hospital or local organization to facilitate a workshop on strategies to remain independent or tools to maintain balance/reduce falls.

These are just a small sampling of ideas to celebrate Older Americans Month. If you do not have time or resources this year, we would also suggest adding this month to your calendar moving forward so you can plan ahead and with more enriching activities. The National Council on Aging is also hosting the **5th Annual Older Adult Mental Health Awareness Day** on May 16, 2022. This event is held virtually from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and more information can be found here: <https://ncoa.org/article/5th-annual-older-adult-mental-health-awareness-day-symposium>. The symposium is a great way to educate you staff or residents on current issues affecting older adults and their mental health.

*ITASCSC can support you in developing or launching programs in your communities for all sizes. ITASCSC members represent a variety of townships in size and scope. Membership is \$75 per year and includes many benefits. If you would like more information about the ITASCSC (Illinois Township Association of Senior Citizen Services Committees), visit [www.itascsc.net](http://www.itascsc.net). As a member, you'll gain access to members-only resources and the opportunity to work alongside a great network of professionals serving older adults. We'd love to have you join this dynamic and growing group!*

# News From Around the State

**S**ALINE TOWNSHIP (Madison Co.) recently voted to give a donation to the new Senior Citizen's Center located at 187 Woodcrest Drive in Highland and also to the Highland Area Senior Citizen Club that meets the second Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.



**PICTURED IN FRONT ROW**, left to right, Judy Hartlieb, Township Clerk and Curt Messerli, Township Supervisor. Back row, left to right are Keith Haberer and Bob Schrupf, Township Trustees; Lucas Pinsker, Sport, Leisure and Facility's Manager for the City of Highland; Elmer Emig, President of the Highland Area Senior Citizens Club; Gene Weis and Mark Gelly, Township Trustees.

## Your assistance is needed ...

To make sure that you, or the officials in your township, receive their issue of *Township Perspective*, please make sure that TOI is notified when there is a change of official or address. We are receiving several address changes from the postal service and sometimes is after we have already sent out another mailing.

Please call the TOI Office toll free at 1.866.897.4688 and ask for Pam or Kayla, or email your change to [pam@toi.org](mailto:pam@toi.org) or [kayla@toi.org](mailto:kayla@toi.org).

**Your assistance is much appreciated!**







**ROCKFORD TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS** at the Annual Town Meeting. Front L to R: Township Clerk Carl Wasco, Former Supervisor and ATM Moderator Mickey Goral, Supervisor Jasper St. Angel. Back L to R: Highway Foreman Craig Dhuse, Trustee Frank Manzullo, Assessor Ken Crowley, Trustee Nancy Johnson, and Trustee Doug Mark.

**R**OCKFORD TOWNSHIP (Winnebago Co.) held their Annual Town Meeting on April 12, with former Supervisor Mickey Goral serving as Moderator.



**ROCKFORD TOWNSHIP CLERK** Carl Wasco swearing in former Supervisor Mickey Goral in as the Annual Town Meeting Moderator.



The Girl Scout Troop 75856 Scouts lead the pledge of allegiance at the **FELIX TOWNSHIP** (Grundy Co.) Annual Town Meeting on April 12, 2022.





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# Thank you.

*TOI offers our most heartfelt gratitude to officials who have served their communities for so many years and now are passing the torch to the next generation of township officials. We hope you enjoy your well-earned retirement.*

**S**PRING POINT TOWNSHIP (Cumberland Co.) would like to recognize and thank Todd Beard for his many years of dedication and service. Todd served over 20 years as Spring Point Township Road Commissioner. Not only did Todd mend, fix and care for the township roads, he dedicated his years to a better future for friends, citizens and families of Spring Point township for many years to come. We thank you Todd, for all your hard years of service. We appreciate you!



Front L to R: **SPRING POINT TOWNSHIP** Trustee Dennis Brown, Township Clerk Hillary Beard. Back L to R: Supervisor Steve Wolke, Trustee Dennis Bunerkempe, Former Highway Commissioner Todd Beard, Trustee Rich Willenborg, Trustee Keith Deters.



Kraig Hofstatter has announced his retirement, after serving the township as Highway Commissioner of **CAZENOVIA TOWNSHIP** (Woodford Co.) for the past 21 years. Joseph Clark has worked for the township road district and will be stepping up to fill this position. Cazenovia Township would like to thank Kraig for all his efforts on the township's behalf and wish both Kraig and Joe the best in their future endeavors.

# Township and Road District Checklist

## 2022 Township Calendar

All dates re: Public Hearings for BUDGET and APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES are dates often used by many townships and road districts. Many townships and road districts adopt their budgets in February or March before their fiscal year begins. You do, however, have until the end of the first quarter of the fiscal year to hold your hearings and adopt the budget.

Checklist dates are now available on the Events Calendar at [www.toi.org](http://www.toi.org).

05/01/22	<b>Statement of Economic Interest</b>	5 ILCS 420/4A-101 5 ILCS 420/4A-105	Elected and certain appointed officials must file a Statement of Economic Interest with county clerk by May 1st of each year. Persons appointed to fill vacancies must also file statements at time of appointment.
05/30/22	<b>Budget Notice*</b>	50 ILCS 330/3 60 ILCS 1/80-60	Last day to publish a notice announcing budget hearings and that the tentative budgets are available for inspection. Separate township and road district notices must be published at least 30 days before hearings in a newspaper published in the township. If there is no township newspaper, post in five of the most public places in township.
05/30/22	<b>Budget Inspection*</b>	50 ILCS 330/3 60 ILCS 1/80-60	Last day for clerk to make tentative budgets available for public inspection. Tentative budgets must be prepared and made available for inspection at least 30 days before hearings. It is the duty of clerk to arrange for the public hearings.
06/30/22	<b>Budget Hearing &amp; Adoption*</b>	50 ILCS 330/3 605 ILCS 5/6-501	Last day to conduct budget hearings and adopt township and road district budgets. Budgets may be adopted before or during the first quarter of the fiscal year. <b>(Do not adopt at the annual town meeting.)</b> The township budget may be adopted at the public hearing. The road district budget <b>shall</b> be adopted at the public hearing.
07/30/22	<b>Budget Filing*</b>	35 ILCS 200/18-50	Last day to file certify budget and revenue sources with county clerk if budget is adopted at end of June. Must be filed with county clerk within 30 days of adoption. Therefore, filing deadline varies with the date of adoption. Clerk certifies the budget and supervisor certifies the revenue sources.
09/27/22	<b>Fiscal Responsibility Report Card*</b>	35 ILCS 200/30-30	Last day to file Fiscal Responsibility Report Card; shall submit within 180 days of the conclusion of the fiscal year. The Annual Financial Report meets this requirement. See reference above.
09/27/22	<b>Comptroller's Report*</b>	50 ILCS 310/3 50 ILCS 310/6	Last day to file Annual Financial Report with state comptroller's office and county clerk. Must be filed within 6 months from end of fiscal year. The report also serves as the Fiscal Responsibility Report Card.
09/30/22	<b>Annual Treasurer's Report Completed*</b>	30 ILCS 15/1	Last day for the supervisor to prepare combined Annual Treasurer's Report for township and road district. Report must be completed within 6 months from end of fiscal year, sworn to and filed with county clerk.

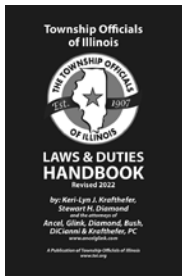
\* Assumes fiscal year begins April 1

09/30/22	<b>Annual Treasurer's Report Published*</b>	30 ILCS 15/2 60 ILCS 1/70-30	Last day to publish Annual Treasurer's Report in an English language newspaper. Must be published within 6 months from end of fiscal year and filed with county clerk's office. Supervisor must provide each board member with copy of report as soon as possible after filing. <b>However, such publication requirement shall not apply to any county funds or county offices or funds or offices of other units of local government when an audit of such funds or offices has been made by a certified public accountant and a report of such audit has been filed with the appropriate county board or county clerk and a notice of the availability of the audit report has been published one time in an English language newspaper published in the town, district or municipality in which that public officer holds his or her office, or, if no newspaper is published in such town, district or municipality, then in a newspaper printed in the English language published in the county in which that public officer holds his or her office. The notice of availability shall include, at a minimum, the time period covered by the audit, the name of the firm conducting the audit, and the address and business hours of the location where the audit report may be publicly inspected.</b>
09/30/22	<b>Audit</b>	50 ILCS 310/6 60 ILCS 1/80-20	Last day for townships to file CPA audit with state comptroller's office and county clerk. Townships receiving revenues of \$850,000 or more for a fiscal year, exclusive of road district funds, must have CPA audit within 6 months from end of fiscal year. Townships receiving revenues of less than \$850,000 for a fiscal year, exclusive of road district funds, may have a 3-member independent audit committee instead of CPA audit. Committee audit must be filed with county clerk within 6 months from end of fiscal year. <b>CPA audit required at end of supervisor's term or if vacancy occurs anytime in the position of supervisor.</b>
09/30/22	<b>Audit</b>	50 ILCS 310/6	Last day for road districts to file CPA audit with state comptroller's office and county clerk. Road districts receiving revenues of \$850,000 or more for a fiscal year must have a CPA audit within 6 months from end of fiscal year.
12/06/22	<b>Last Day to Determine Tax Levy for Truth in Taxation</b>	35 ILCS 200/18-60 35 ILCS 200/18-70	Last day for board of trustees to determine (estimate) property tax levy to comply with Truth in Taxation law. Highway commissioner determines levy for road district. Must determine levies at least 20 days before adoption. Basis for 5% computation and whether notices and hearings are necessary.
12/20/22	<b>Last Day for Truth in Taxation Notice</b>	35 ILCS 200/18-80	Last day notice of Truth in Taxation hearing can appear in newspaper. Notice must be in newspaper not more than 14 days or less than seven days prior to date of hearings.
12/27/22	<b>Last Day to Hold Truth in Taxation Hearing, Adopt &amp; File Tax Levies</b>	35 ILCS 200/18-90	Last day to hold Truth in Taxation hearing, adopt and file township and road district certificates of levy, tax levies and Certificate of Compliance for Truth in Taxation law with county clerk.

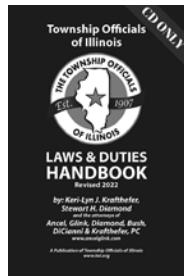
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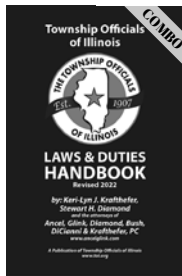
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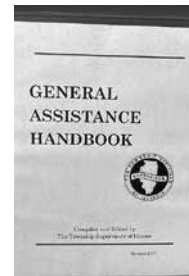
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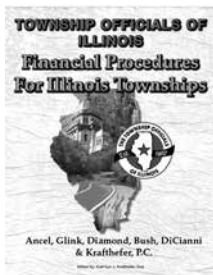
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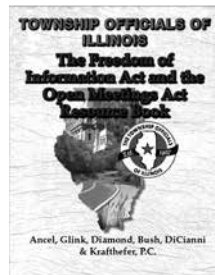
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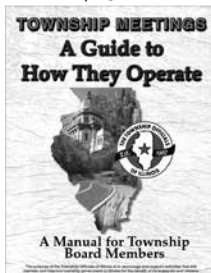
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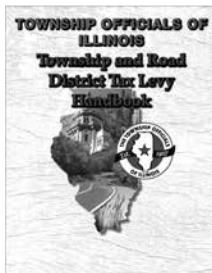
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# Sue Price:

## A Throwback to the Old Ways (And Days)

By Bryan E. Smith, former *Township Perspective* Editor



**T**HE NAME SUE PRICE probably doesn't ring a bell to any of the readers of *Township Perspective*. However, when I read the obituary in the paper last month, I knew it was the spunky little lady I had met in 2011 when doing research on our magazine's 70th Anniversary.

For those of you who don't know, our magazine, from 1941-1999 was called the *Illinois County and Township Official*. It featured a lot of information on county government until the early 1970's because of the close tie between townships and counties. However, with the 1970 Constitution that changed, and the magazine was officially purchased by TOI in 1971. From that point on it began to focus more and more on strictly township government. When I became Executive Director and Editor of the Magazine in 1996, one of my first goals was to "rename" the magazine to make it even more focused on township government. So, in early 1999 the magazine name was officially changed to *Township Perspective*.

Back in 2011 when we were going to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the magazine, we somehow were able to make contact with Sue Price. Sue was already 87 years old but a spunky and funny lady. She made several trips to the TOI Office to visit with myself and then associate editor Erin Valentine to answer our

questions and fill us in on "how things used to work." I was amazed at how this (at the time) 87-year-old woman kept going. She explained she had horses and cared for, at the time, 10 dachshund dogs. Sue was still very much aware of the township she lived in and all the services it provided to her. She proudly told me that she had to "get on" her Road Commissioner from time to time concerning the road in front of her home.

Sue worked for Charles and Muzette Allison when they owned the magazine, and she attended many township and county conventions (conferences) to take pictures for the magazine. She told me her husband had set her up with a box camera and took photos of division officers and businesses hosting hospitality rooms at the conventions. Sue also was charged with taking Minutes of the meetings that were held and she handled the ad salespeople when they brought in what they had sold. She explained that in those times the ad salespeople did so well that she took a large deposit to the bank twice every day.

Sue was amazed at how we handled the magazine today. Since it's mostly done on the computer, she could not completely understand how it was all done. She told me that we had so much more "pertinent" information in the magazine now and that it looked "so nice."

After our meeting in 2011 I would meet up with Sue every few months for lunch. It was fun to hear her talk about the "good old days" and what she was currently up to. Then in 2016 Sue sold her home and relocated

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to a retirement home on Springfield's west side along with two dachshunds. She showed no signs of slowing down and her eyes still lit up when she talked about working for the Magazine and the people she met through the years. I only saw Sue a couple more times after 2016 but she seemed to be doing well and enjoying life.

Below is her full obituary. I'm sure you will see and understand why I thought she was such an interesting person. She had quite a life. Sue, I will miss you, but I hope you are enjoying your new home with all the dachshunds your new home can handle!

*Suzanne J. "Sue" Price, 98, of Springfield passed away peacefully on Wednesday, March 23, 2022. Sue was born on January 26, 1924, was adopted in infancy, and raised by Frank C. and Dorothy N. Jones of Springfield. Sue attended and graduated from Lawrence Grade and Springfield High Schools. She began working at CIPS while in high school and continued there until she got married, at which time CIPS rules did not allow her to continue to be employed.*

*Sue married U.S. Army Air Force pilot H. Wayne Price on July 23, 1945. After World War II ended, they returned to Springfield where she worked for Mutual Life of New York*

*and then for the Illinois County and Township Official magazine. She retired from there in 1978 after 25 years.*

*Sue owned her first pony at the age of six. Silver Sue was a silver pony with a white mane and tail that was kept in a stall that Sue's father, Frank, built in the family's garage on South Pasfield Street. Around the age of ten, Sue taught herself to stand on the back of Silver Sue. She utilized her new skill to visit the neighbor's yard where she could then reach apples to pick off the neighbor's tree and eat as a snack.*

*Sue's riding and love for animals was a lifelong pursuit. She and Wayne always had horses and belonged to the Bar M and Sangamon County horse clubs. Beginning in 1970, Sue raised and exhibited Dachshunds (mainly the miniature variety) both in obedience and conformation. She was a charter member of the Lincolnland Dachshund Club and Capitol Canine Training Club where she served as registrar for eleven years. She maintained memberships and affiliations with many more animal-oriented organizations that are too numerous to detail. If it involved animals, it's likely she belonged to it.*

*Sue was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Harry Wayne Price. She is survived by her friends whom she loved dearly.*



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# In Memoriam

**Ruth Carey**, 87, of Savanna died March 14. She was a former Supervisor and currently serving Trustee of Savanna Township (Carroll Co.).

**Zebert Dunaway**, 98, of Owaneco died February 10. He was a former Highway Commissioner of Locust Township (Christian Co.).

**Vance Edmondson**, 72, of Coal Valley died February 13, 2021. He was currently Supervisor of Rural Township (Rock Island Co.).

**Donald Godfrey**, 95, of Alton died March 5. He was a former Supervisor of Alton Township

(Madison Co.).

**Dale Harrison**, 74, of Fillmore died March 5. He was a former Highway Commissioner of Fillmore Consolidated Township (Montgomery Co.).

**Larry Henert**, 83, of Davis Junction died February 3. He was currently serving as Trustee of Monroe Township (Ogle Co.).

**James Johansen**, 68 of Milan died March 13, 2021. He was currently serving as Supervisor of Rural Township (Rock Island Co.).

**Robert McCutchan**, 84, of Aledo died February 21. He was a former

Trustee of Perryton Township (Mercer Co.).

**Judith DePorter**, 86, of Milan died February 21. She was a former Trustee of Rural Township (Rock Island Co.).

**Dale Wegner**, 76, of Rushville died March 18. He was a former Highway Commissioner of Woodstock Township (Schuyler Co.).

**Robert “Dan” Wyne**, 79, of Galesburg died March 1. He was currently serving as Trustee of Cedar Township (Knox Co.).

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Chuck Layer (Supervisor, Rock Island Co./Blackhawk Twp.), Jodie Lee (Clerical Assistant, Rock Island Co./Blackhawk Twp.), Jean Chapman (Deputy Clerk, Rock Island Co./Blackhawk Twp.), Melinda Clark (Trustee, Rock Island Co./Blackhawk Twp.), Karen Wilson (Township Clerk, Rock Island Co./Blackhawk Twp.), Randy Wlaskolich (Trustee, Rock Island Co./Blackhawk Twp.), and Paul Putnam (Trustee, Rock Island Co./Blackhawk Twp.).



Lobby Day Attendees enjoy the Evening Reception at the State Library.



Steve Scudder (Assessor, McLean Co./City of Bloomington Twp.), Deborah Skillrud (Supervisor, McLean Co./City of Bloomington Twp.), Rep. Dan Brady (105th District).



Sherrill Knorr (Supervisor, Will Co./Reed Twp.), Sherry Tite (Township Clerk, Madison Co./Wood River Twp.), Sandy Shaw (Assessor, Madison Co./Wood River Twp.), Deb Lane (Multi-Township Assessor, LaSalle Co./Meriden Twp., Ophir Twp., Troy Grove Twp.), and Lisa Hodge (Township Clerk, Kane Co./Blackberry Twp.).



Bonnie Ognisanti (Supervisor, Cook Co./Niles Twp), Stephen Hasson (Social Work Intern, Cook Co./Niles Twp.), Rep. Denyse Stoneback (16th District), and Gail Schnitzer Eisenberg (Supervisor, Cook Co./New Trier Twp.).



Sam Brown (Assessor, Cook Co./Rich Twp.), Rep. Carol Ammons (103rd District), Jacquelyn Small (Trustee, Cook Co./Rich Twp.), Pamela Al-Amin (HR Staff, Cook Co./Rich Twp.), Arlene “Sugar” Al-Amin (Township Clerk, Cook Co./Rich Twp.), Steven Burris (Trustee, Cook Co./Rich Twp.), and Paris Ervin Doyle (Illinois State Treasurer’s Office).



Rep. Daniel Swanson (74th District), Ray Elliot (Supervisor, Henry Co./Atkinson Twp.), and Dave Dobbels (Supervisor, Henry Co./Cambridge Twp.).



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