

Minutes of the Troy Township Decennial Committee Meeting

Monday, August 21, 2023

5:45 p.m.

A meeting of the Troy Township Decennial Committee Meeting was held at the Troy Township Community Center, 25448 Seil Road, Shorewood, Illinois.

Supervisor Joseph D. Baltz **called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.**

The **pledge of allegiance was recited**, led by Ron Farnaus.

Roll Call:

Committee Chairman:

Joseph D. Baltz – Supervisor - Present

Governing Board Members:

Johnnie Greenwood – Trustee - Present

Bryan W. Kopman – Trustee - Present

Jerry Nudera – Trustee – Present

Brett Wheeler – Trustee – Present

Other Officers:

Kimberly Anderson – Assessor – Present

Dawn Damiani – Collector – Present

Larry Ryan – Clerk – Present

Jennifer Dylik – Administrator – Present

Two Township Residents:

Paul Hertzmann – Absent

Ron Farnaus – Present

Other Members:

Janee Roedel – Township Deputy Assessor-Commercial – Absent

A quorum is established.

Supervisor Baltz explained that this Committee is established pursuant to (50 ILCS 70) Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act. This Act created P.A. 102-1088 and was effective June 10, 2022.

Committee Requirements/Duties (50 ILCS 70):

Separate notice must be given for all committee meetings. The committee must meet a minimum of three times and after the meeting must survey all residents in attendance for input on matters discussed at the meeting. This requirement can be satisfied by emailing the survey to all residents present who provided a valid email address.

The duties of a committee include, but are not limited to, the study of the governmental unit's governing statutes, ordinances, rules, procedures, powers, jurisdiction, shared services,

intergovernmental agreements, and interrelationships with other governmental units and the State. The committee shall also collect data, research, and analysis as necessary to prepare the report described below.

Each committee shall summarize its work and findings within a written report, which shall include recommendations in respect to increased accountability and efficiency and shall provide the report to the administrative office of each county board in which the governmental unit is located no later than 18 months after the formation of the committee. The report shall be made available to the public.

The law required the committee to be formed by June 10, 2023. Our committees were officially formed on March 20, 2023.

Report Deadline: September 20, 2024 (18 months after committee is formed).

Clerk Larry Ryan introduced each of the Committee members.

Supervisor Baltz reported that **Clerk Ryan will be responsible for taking the minutes** of the meeting while **Administrator Dylik will prepare the final report.**

Supervisor Baltz presented the Rules for Addressing the Decennial Committee. A motion was made by Trustee Bryan Kopman; seconded by Administrator Jennifer Dylik to adopt the Rules for Addressing the Decennial Committee. Motion carried.

Supervisor Baltz reviewed the Committee meeting schedule:

- August 21, 2023; 5:45pm to 6:45pm
- October 16, 2023; 5:45pm to 6:45pm
- December 18, 2023; 5:45pm to 6:45pm
- February 26, 2024; 5:45pm to 6:45pm
- April 15, 2024; Immediately following the 7:00p.m. Board Meeting

Supervisor Baltz then gave a general overview of the Township Governing Statutes and Powers. The Township code is presented in Illinois State Statute 60 ILCS 1. Further, pursuant to Dillon's Rule, Townships (and other units of local government) are regulated by Article VII, Section 8 of the 1970 Illinois Constitution which states, in part: these governments "***shall have only powers granted by law.***"

By law, Township's must perform three main functions:

- Provide General Assistance for the indigent.
- Assess real property for the basis of local taxation.
- Maintain all roads and bridges outside of federal, state, and other jurisdiction.

Additionally, Townships can provide other services and have powers that are identified in the Township Code (60 ILCS 1) which Supervisor Baltz reviewed and include but are not limited to the capacity to hold property, make contracts, acquire land within its township limits, establish fees for recreation and instructional programs sponsored by the township, may provide services for public safety, environmental protection, public transportation, health, recreation, libraries, and social services for the poor and aged, recycling programs, and more.

Supervisor Baltz asked for any questions from the Committee. No questions were raised.

Supervisor Baltz noted that in addition to the powers granted to townships via the Township Code (60 ILCS 1), townships have many other statutes that it must comply with including but not limited to:

- Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120)
- Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140)
- State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430)
- Public Funds Investment Act (30 ILCS 235)
- Local Government Prompt Payment Act (50 ILCS 505)
- Local Records Act (50 ILCS 205)
- Illinois Library Act (75 ILCS 5)
- Truth in Taxation Act (35 ILCS 200) & Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (35 ILCS 200/18-185)
- Public Officers Prohibited Activities Act (50 ILCS 105)
- Public Funds Statement Publication Act (30 ILCS 15)
- Governmental Account Audit Act (50 ILCS 310)
- Intergovernmental Cooperation Act (5 ILCS 220)
- Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130)
- Smoke Free Illinois Act (410 ILCS 82/1)
- Public Graveyards Act (50 ILCS 610)
- Laws and Duties Handbook – Published by the Township Officials of Illinois as a guidebook for township elected officials and staff.

Supervisor Baltz opened the meeting for Public Comment.

Assessor Anderson inquired about 60 ILCS 1/85-50 asking how that section applied to the Township and rundown buildings/homes within the Township. Supervisor Baltz commented that the request to address these properties must first go to the county and if the county board declines to address them, the township may have powers under this section to do so. Trustee Kopman suggested that the Troy Township Board pass a resolution requesting the Will County Board to address the issue.

Supervisor Baltz again asked for any public comment. No additional comments were made.

Administrator Dylik distributed a survey to all in attendance. Dylik further reported that at the October meeting the Committee will review the Township's existing ordinances and resolutions, Intergovernmental Agreements, Memorandums of Understanding, and current Township services.

Motion made by Collector Dawn Damiani; seconded by Trustee Brett Wheeler to **adjourn the meeting** at 6:48 p.m.

Larry Ryan
Clerk

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