

**Minutes of the Troy Township Decennial Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, December 18, 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.

Clerk Larry Ryan **called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.**

The **pledge of allegiance** was recited, led by Trustee Jerry Nudera.

**Roll Call:**

<b>Committee Chairman:</b> Joseph D. Baltz – Supervisor – Excused Absence  <b>Governing Board Members:</b> Johnnie Greenwood – Trustee - Present Bryan W. Kopman – Trustee - Present Jerry Nudera – Trustee – Present Brett Wheeler – Trustee – Excused Absence (note submitted)  <b>Two Township Residents:</b> Paul Hertzmann – Excused Absence Ron Farnaus – Excused Absence	<b>Other Officers:</b> Kimberly Anderson – Assessor – Present Dawn Damiani – Collector – Present Larry Ryan – Clerk – Present Jennifer Dylik – Administrator – Present  <b>Other Members:</b> Janee Roedel – Township Deputy Assessor- Commercial – Present
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A quorum is established, and in the absence of Committee Chair Baltz, Clerk Ryan entertained a motion to elect a “Chairman Pro-Tem” to officially preside over the meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Nudera; seconded by Administrator Dylik to elect Trustee Bryan Kopman to officiate the meeting. No further candidates were considered, and all were in favor.

**Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Kopman presented the minutes from the August 21, 2023, Township Decennial Committee Meeting and entertained a motion to approve. A motion was made by Assessor Anderson; seconded by Trustee Greenwood to approve the **minutes from the August 21, 2023, Township Decennial Committee Meeting**. No further discussion, additions, or corrections were presented, and all were in favor. Motion carried.

**Review and Discussion of the Tentative Draft Report**

Chairman Kopman briefly described the Decennial Committee Report distributed to the members as a summary-to-date. He then deferred to Admin. Dylik to highlight some items in the report. They encompassed the purpose of the Committee, when the Committee met, subject matter reviewed, and the final addition would be the recommendations. These will be incorporated into the final report which will be submitted to the Will County Board.

**Discussion of the Committee Member’s Recommendations for Improvements and Efficiency**

A general discussion took place. In summary, the Committee brought forth the following suggestions:

- Find a service or program to help identify the needs of residents.
- Perform a strategic plan with the Board and include public input on needs.
- As the Township grows, give consideration to hiring a staff member dedicated to social media and public relations.
- Provide text alerts – use this to push information out to residents about programs, events, emergency information, etc.
- Create brochures and/or flyers about Township services and events.
- Post flyers/information at public places like the library.
- Share our information with other organizations for them to share with their members/participants.
- Host holiday community events like “picture with Santa” or “breakfast with the Easter Bunny” as a way of drawing in individuals who might not otherwise be familiar with the Township’s services.
- Participate in community events like Movies in the Park and have a Township information booth.
- Consider using the vacant acre of land by the Township office for:
  - Food Pantry – create a foundation or not-for-profit, seek grant funds, etc.
  - Move the recycling center from the Highway Department to the Township.
- Move forward with the Single Waste Hauler initiative allowing the Township to bid out and contract for garbage disposal service for the residents of the unincorporated areas.
- Partner with other entities to offer more services at the Township:
  - Workforce Services Mobile Unit
  - Shorewood-Troy Library for technology programs for seniors.
- Use interns for projects like social media and public relations.

Overall, the Committee’s suggestions were broken down into three categories:

- Surveying the needs of Township residents
- Strategic and future planning / new services
- Improved communication / outreach

#### **Chairman Kopman opened the meeting for Public Comment**

After asking for a third time and hearing none, Kopman proceeded to the next Agenda item.

#### **Announcements**

Administrator Dylik distributed a survey to all in attendance. Dylik further reported that at the **February 26, 2024, meeting** the Committee will review the **Committee’s Final Report** (summary), and vote to accept the up-to-date version, as well as the minutes of the previous meeting.

#### **Adjournment**

Motion made by Janee Roedel; seconded by Administrator Dylik to **adjourn the meeting** at 6:32p.m.

Larry Ryan  
Clerk

