SAMPLE TOWNSHIP REPORT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH DECENNIAL COMMITTEES ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY ACT
(For Townships and Road District JOINT REPORT Only)

I. Unit of government submitting this report:

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NAME OF TOWNSHIP: Teutopolis

Note: Any local government that levies a tax, other than a municipality or county must file this report. For Road Districts in counties with populations of less than 400,000 the highway commissioner may form a joint committee to prepare one combined report. See 50 ILCS 70/10(b-5).

II. Information about our Township

A. We are located in Effingham County. There are _____ townships in our county.
B. The population of our Township is 2,782, as of the 2020 census.
C. We have 0 employees of the Township (not including elected officials).
D. We have 1 P.T. employees in our Road District (not including elected officials).
E. Our annual budget for 2023 is: $ 308,237.66.
F. Our Township's equalized assessed valuation for 2023 is $ 1,017,700.

III. Information about Our Committee

A. Committee Members:

Township Supervisor DAVE APKE

Township Highway Commissioner Tom RAUCH

Township Trustee Roy Weber

Township Trustee LARRY Koester

Township Trustee LARRY FUNNEMAN

Township Trustee Charlie Semple

Township Resident (Supervisor Appointment) John Wilhelms

Township Resident (Supervisor Appointment) Tom Mette

Township Resident (Highway Comm. Appointment) John Wilhelms

Note: Per 50 ILCS 70/10(b), the committee membership must include all the elected or appointed members of the township board (Supervisor and Trustees) and two residents appointed by the Supervisor. The residents can be the Assessor, Highway Commissioner, Clerk or Collector, if you have one, or other residents of the Township, but these officials are not required to be on this Committee. The Supervisor may appoint more than two residents if deemed appropriate.

B. Dates that our Committee Met (50 ILCS 70/20)

First (Organizational) Meeting
(must occur prior to June 10, 2023): May 18, 2023

Second Meeting: July 17, 2023

Third Meeting: Sept 21, 2023

Additional Meetings (List All): _____, 2023

EACH OF THESE SECTIONS ARE TO BE COMPLETED SEPARATLEY BY THE ROAD DISTRICT AND THE TOWNSHIP AND INCLUDED AS TWO PARTS OF THE SUBMITTED REPORT

IV. Programs Offered by our Township.

A. Our Township offers the following services and programs: (List programs like general assistance, youth programs, senior programs, community programs, LIHEAP, etc.) (If not applicable, remove this).

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B. Other services/programs we could possibly provide:

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V. Social Service Agreements

A. We partner with the following not for profits to offer social services (list all):

Entity:	**Services Provided:**
1. ~~St Francis Twp~~	
2. ~~Village of Tootopolis~~	
3. NONE	
4.	
5.	

B. Our residents have benefitted from these agreements in the following ways:
Less Equipment

C. We have considered possibly offering the following social services or the following additional potential partnerships:

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VI. Awards and Recognitions

Our Township has received the following awards, distinctions, and recognitions: (List all).

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VII. Intergovernmental Agreements

A. We partner with, or have Intergovernmental Agreements, with the following other Governments (List all):

Entity: Village of Tootopolis
St Francis Twp

Services Offered: Shared Equipment

B. Our Township's efficiency has increased through intergovernmental cooperation in the following way (list cost savings, avoiding duplicated services, etc.):

Less Equipment

VIII. Review of Laws, Township Policies, Township Rules and Procedures, Township Training Materials, and other Documents

We have reviewed the following, non-exhaustive list of laws, policies, training materials, and other documents applicable to the Township to evaluate our compliance and to determine if any of the foregoing should be amended.

✓ State laws applicable to Townships, including, but not limited to the Township Code (60 ILCS)

✓ Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120)

✓ Policy on public comment

✓ Designation of OMA officer (5 ILCS 120/1.05(a))

— All of Elected Officials have completed OMA Training (5 ILCS 120/1.05(b))

— Schedule of All Township Regular Meetings for Calendar or Fiscal Year (5 ILCS 120/2.03)

✓ Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140)

✓ Designation of FOIA officer (5 ILCS 140/3.5(a))

✓ FOIA Officer Training (5 ILCS 140/3.5(b))

✓ Computation and Retention of FOIA Requests (5 ILCS 140/3.5(a))

✓ Posting Other Required FOIA Information (5 ILCS 140/4(a); 5 ILCS 140/4(b))

✓ List of Types or Categories of FOIA Records under Township's Control (5 ILCS 140/5)

✓ Periodic Meetings to Review Closed Meeting Minutes (5 ILCS 120/2.06(d))

✓ IMRF Total Compensation Postings (5 ILCS 120/7.3)

✓ Designation of Whistleblower Auditing Official (50 ILCS 105/4.1)

✓ All of our Elected Officials have filed statement of economic interests (5 ILCS 420/4A-101; 5 ILCS 420/4A-101.5)

✓ Sexual harassment prevention training (775 ILCS 5/2-109(c))

✓ Our Intergovernmental Agreements

✓ Our Social Service Agreements or Contracts

✓ Our budget and financial documents

✓ State Ethics Laws, including, but not limited to the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430/1-1)

✓ Our budget and financial documents

✓ Reports on government efficiency, including "Local Government Efficiency and Size in Illinois: Counting Tax Revenues, Not Governments" by Wendell Cox (2016); "Local Democracy and Townships in the Chicagoland Area," by Wendell Cox, (January 2012).

✓ Others (List Below or Attach):

IX. What Have We Done Well? (List any budget/levy freezes or reductions in the past decade; list new programs or services offered to residents over the past decade; list any ethics ordinances adopted; timely FOIA compliance; responsiveness to public; list any new intergovernmental agreements or social services offered; list any increase in number of township residents served, etc.)

X. What Inefficiencies Did We Identify/What Are our Next Steps?

XI. What Can We Do Better or More Efficiently?

XII. Studies on Governmental Efficiencies

In preparing this report, we reviewed several studies on local government efficiency. These studies show that:

- The average local government in Illinois serves 1800 residents compared to the national median of 2850 individuals
- Most townships in Illinois have no bonded indebtedness. Together with road districts they are an integral element of local democracy. Township expenditures have grown at a lower rate than those of any other level of government since 1992.
- Townships have lower labor costs and employ mostly part time employees.

XIII. Our committee's recommendations regarding Increased Accountability and Efficiency:

Put less Articles in Newspaper - Meetings - Financial Report Ect,
General Assistance could go to County or other Agency.

Note: This Report must be filed with your County no later than 18 months after your first committee meeting.

Submitted by: DAVE Apke
Chairman, Decennial Efficiency Committee of Tuscarora Township

Date:
10-6-23

We upgraded lights IN Boilding To LED with help from Ameren at a minimal cost. Highly suggest this if other Townships do not know about it.