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The **Township Officials of Illinois**, organized in 1907, serves as a resource center for state and federal legislative agencies, as well as its member townships. The organization's attention to and involvement with the legislative process enables it to exert influence on behalf of its member units, as well as to report to them on decisions which affect their functioning.

In addition to offering information and guidance, **TOI** promotes and supports strong township government in the State of Illinois. To that end, it offers a series of continuing education programs designed to provide a sense of responsibility, assurance, dedication and unity.

TOI recognizes that offering service benefiting the citizens and taxpayers of Illinois requires the representation of diverse constituencies. Its Board of Directors is structured to accommodate that purpose, as are its respective divisions.

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2022

Dec. 23	TOI Closed – Christmas Eve (observed)
Dec. 26	TOI Closed – Christmas (observed)
Dec. 30	TOI Closed – New Year’s Eve (observed)

2023

Jan. 2	TOI Closed – New Year’s Day (observed)
Jan. 11	Lunch & Learn Webinar
Jan. 13	Q&A Day
Jan. 16	TOI Closed – MLK Day
Jan. 18	Hybrid Education Event – Employee Handbook
Jan. 27	Professional Development Day 1 – Township Budgeting
Feb. 13	TOI Closed – Lincoln’s Birthday (observed)
Feb. 15	Lunch & Learn Webinar
Feb. 17	Hybrid Education Event – Decennial Committee
Feb. 20	TOI Closed – President’s Day
Feb. 24	Q&A Day
Mar. 15	Lunch & Learn Webinar
Mar. 17	Q&A Day

Editor’s Note: The January/February 2023 Issue will be a combined edition launching on February 1st. See you next year!

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From the Executive Director's Desk



By Jerry B. Crabtree

TOI Executive Director

WHAT AN GREAT CONFERENCE! The 115th Annual Educational Conference was a success! Thank you to everyone who attended and made the event the come back success that it was. The TOI Board of Directors and staff thank everyone from the attendees, presenters, exhibitors, volunteers and guests for attending this event and we hope that everyone was able to network and learn something benefiting township government.

Congratulations to our new President Chris Kain from Addison Township in DuPage County. Chris has been a member of the TOI Board of Directors since 2010 and joined the Executive Committee in 2016 as Secretary and Treasurer in 2017 through 2022. Chris is a dedicated township official and will take the association into 2023 and 2024 with focus and efficiency.

Congratulations to President Kain and our new Executive Committee, I look forward to working with all of them. All have contributed a great deal to the association and its goals and objectives. The new directors appointed will only contribute to the overall success of the Association.

As I indicated with my remarks at the opening session, Danny Hanning will be missed but his legacy as one of the longest presidents serving and as the President during a pandemic will become part of our his-

tory. His unwavering leadership and availability when called upon was an asset to our association's goals and objectives.

Moving forward we have many things to close out for 2022 and look forward for 2023. We are asking that our members complete the legislative survey online from the QR code below. This allows the legislative committee to see what changes are needed by YOU, our members. We are planning to have our complete calendar available in the January/February edition of *Perspective*. We hope that we see everyone attending our events in 2023. See the "Save the Date" section of this issue of *Perspective* to highlight the events you plan to attend.

As the holidays approach us and Thanksgiving is behind us, we are excited to close in on the Christmas holiday season. I hope you all enjoy family and friends during this special time of year. Most of all, look forward to a new beginning and a way to focus on yourself and your contributions to your community.

I wish you all happy Holidays!



Jerry B. Crabtree
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Member Services

By Brad Ruppert

TOI Director of Member Services



2022 Fall Conference Wrap

WELL, THAT'S A WRAP, FOLKS! With the 2022 TOI Fall Conference under our belt, we can now all breathe a sigh of relief and reflect on three days of fun, learning, networking and even some singing and dancing. As someone experiencing his first TOI Fall Conference, I was at times overwhelmed, but even more overjoyed with all the great people I got to meet and the abundance of positive feedback I received.

While the social aspect was clearly a highlight, it's not the entire reason we gathered. For a day and a half and spread out over three floors of the Crowne Plaza, TOI offered 21 Education Sessions for our members to brush up on their knowledge of a wide array of topics. Whether you were learning something brand new or getting a refresher on a topic you needed a little brushing up on, we hope every attendee left more knowledgeable than they came and are able to share what they learned with their township boards.

While it could be at times daunting, I tried to bounce around from session to session to get an idea of what our members were learning. What I found were attentive audiences, engaging speakers and interesting topics. There were topics that might not appeal to every member but are nonetheless important- like Food Banks and How They Operate. We think every topic is important, and we hope every session you attended gave you a new or a better understanding of an issue important to you and your township government.

I would also like to take a moment to thank all our guest speakers. They came from far and wide across the state of Illinois to give their time in educating our members in their area of expertise. They don't do it for the money (they don't get paid), and they don't do it for the fanfare. They do it because they know that an educated township official is a better, more responsible township official. All the staff at TOI sends our express gratitude for your service and your commitment to TOI and good government.

In conclusion, I would just like to thank everyone for coming out to our 2022 Fall Conference. It was an experience I will never forget. Meeting so many of you was truly a delight. I enjoyed putting faces to names I've talked to numerous times over the phone. I got suggestions and feedback on *Township Perspective* articles that will be beneficial to me and hopefully you, the reader, moving forward. I found out some of our members can really sing and some can even dance! I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did, and we look forward to seeing you back next year on November 12-14th right back at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield.

If you or someone you know would like to be a speaker or recommend a speaker for our 2023 Education Program, please reach out to me at brad@toi.org or at (217) 744-2212.




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2023 Professional Development Course 1

Budget Planning in Township Government

The TOI Education Program is pleased to offer several Professional Development Courses in 2023 for township officials and staff. The first program of the year is **Friday, January 27, 2023**, at the TOI Office in Springfield. The session is limited to 25 attendees. The cost is \$75 and includes lunch. The seminar is scheduled from 10am – 3pm to accommodate travel time.



Are you wondering what is involved in the township budget preparation and execution process. Wondering what happens when you have a budget approved and a change is needed. Former TOI Executive Director Bryan Smith explores the budget process from start to finish. This is a course for any township officials or staff wanting to learn new innovative strategies to the Township Budget Process

Deadline to register is Friday, January 20, 2023
Please fill in all information below and print clearly.

Name: _____

Township Position:

County/Township:

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Phone/Email:

Registration is \$75/person. Refunds cannot be given for any cancellations received after the deadline to register.

Payment method: Check or Credit Card. Please make checks payable to Township Officials of Illinois.

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Signature: _____

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Register online at <https://my.toi.org/events/upcoming-events>.

2023 Hybrid Learning Events

The TOI Education Program is pleased to offer several **Hybrid Learning Events** for Township Officials and Staff. These **Hybrid Learning Events** will blend in-person instruction with the ability to participate virtually via Zoom from the comfort of home. They will focus on a singular topic over an afternoon with the ability to ask questions of a Township Attorney.

The **in-person session** capacity is limited to 25 attendees; the cost is \$25. The **online session** capacity is unlimited; the cost is \$15. The seminars are scheduled from 1pm to 4 pm to accommodate travel time.



All online registrants will receive the login link prior to the scheduled event.

Please fill in all information below and print clearly.

January 11 - Employee Handbook on Township Government and Preparing for the Upcoming Year

- \$25 In-Person Course \$15 Online Course

February 17- Decennial Committee on Local Government Consolidation and Efficiency Act.

- \$25 In-Person Course \$15 Online Course

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Lunch & Learn Webinar Series

Intergovernmental Agreements

January 11, 2023 | 12 PM | 60 Minutes | \$25

Presented by Anthony Schuering, Brown, Hay + Stephens

Learn more about Intergovernmental Agreements and how they can work for you and your township with this seminar hosted by Anthony Schuering from Brown, Hay + Stephens.



Anthony Schuering focuses his practice in civil litigation and municipal law. In the civil litigation context, Anthony represents individuals, businesses and units of local government in both state and federal venues. In the municipal law context, Anthony serves as either corporation counsel or special counsel for units of local government throughout Illinois. As a result, he has a deep knowledge of the Freedom of Information Act and Open Meetings Act, as well as economic development programs such as Tax Increment Financing, Business Development Districts, Special Service Areas, and Enterprise Zones. Anthony also utilizes this knowledge to effectively represent businesses in disputes with municipalities and other units of government in Illinois. Anthony graduated from Indiana University Maurer School of Law in 2019.

Shop Safety with TOIRMA

February 15, 2023 | 12 PM | 60 Minutes | \$25

Presented by Matt Knight & Sean Richardson, TOIRMA

Join TOIRMA in learning more about Shop Safety and the recommendations in keeping your township safe.



Matt Knight has been with Township Officials of Illinois Risk Management Association (TOIRMA) since 2008. He was named Associate Director of TOIRMA in July 2020 after being a TOIRMA Loss Control Consultant for 12 years. Prior to this, he managed two grain elevators and worked for his father, who was the longstanding Highway Commissioner for Pilot Township in Vermilion County. Matt and his wife Kym reside in Spaulding, IL.



Sean Richardson has been employed by TOIRMA for 6 years and currently holds the title of Loss Control Consultant. He has an extensive background in the construction industry working for his family's steel fabrication and erection business for several years. Sean holds many certifications and training licenses and is part of TOIRMA's safety and loss prevention programs.

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Legislative Report

By Taylor Anderson

Anderson Legislative Consulting, Ltd.



Election recap

IT SHOULD COME AS NO SURPRISE how tumultuous an election can be after the remap process. Legislators, many of whom are forced to run in unfamiliar new districts, see a higher-than-average rate of retirement post remap; stepping away rather than attempting to run in a new area. Meanwhile, voters who are faced with choosing among unfamiliar names do not always elect to keep old incumbents of a new districts in office. Together this generates a great deal of change in the composition of the General Assembly (GA) and typically the election cycle after a remap is often the most hectic with the most upheaval.

But predictable chaos does not mean predictable results. As of the writing of this article, the House Democrats have increased their super majority from 73 seats in the 102nd GA to a 77-seat super majority for the forthcoming 103rd GA. House Republicans were able to pick up a seat in the Metro East area,

where support has traditionally been heavily democratic, but a number of races in the suburbs that had long been republican seats were flipped. Senate Republicans fared better picking up a seat (at least at the time of writing) though not well enough to prevent the Senate Democrats from still having a strong super majority of 40 seats to 19. Though that number could change as some races are still too close to call.

Adding to the influx of new members (who are listed below along with their districts) we will also likely have new leadership in both minority caucuses. Leader Durkin, the House minority leader, has announced he will not seek another term in the role. In the Senate, it appears that leader McConchie has a strong and organized opposition within his ranks and will likely not have enough votes to retain his position.

At this time, we are anticipating a relatively light veto session but it is likely legislators will use their time in Springfield during veto to set up bills to be

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moved during what could be a robust lame duck session in early January.

Too close to call (currently):

House District 45 Rep. Deanne Mazzochi (R) against Jenn Ladisch Douglass (D)

Senate District 19 Sen. Michael Hasting (D) against Patrick Sheehan (R)

New House members:

1. **4th H.D.:** Lilian Jimenez (D) (replaced Rep. Delia Ramirez)
2. **13th H.D.:** Hoan Huynh (D) (replaced Rep. Greg Harris)
3. **16th H.D.:** Kevin Olickal (D) (defeated Rep. Denise Stoneback in primary)
4. **21st H.D.:** Abdelnasser Rashid (D) (defeated Rep. Michael Zalewski in primary)
5. **46th H.D.:** Diane Blair-Sherlock (D) (open seat of Rep. Deb Conroy)
6. **48th H.D.:** Jennifer Sanalitra (R) (open seat, former district of Rep. Terra Costa Howard)
7. **51st H.D.:** Nabeela Syed (D) (defeated Rep. Chris Bos (R))
8. **54th H.D.:** Beth Canty (D) (open seat of Rep Tom Morrison)
9. **62nd H.D.:** Laura Faver Davis (D) (open seat of Rep. Sam Yingling)
10. **72nd H.D.:** Gregg Johnson (D) (open seat of Rep. Mike Halpin)
11. **74th H.D.:** Brad Fritts (R) (open seat, former district of Rep. Daniel Swanson)
12. **75th H.D.:** Jed Davis (R) (defeated Rep. David Welter in primary)
13. **77th H.D.:** Norma Hernandez (D) (defeated Rep. Kathy Willis in primary)
14. **83rd H.D.:** Matt Hanson (D) (defeated Rep. Keith Wheeler in the new district)

15. **87th H.D.:** Bill Hauter (R) (open seat, former district of Rep. Tim Butler)

16. **90th H.D.:** John Cabello (R) (open seat of Rep. Tom Demmer)

17. **91st H.D.:** Sharon Chung (D) (open seat of Rep. Mark Luft)

18. **93rd H.D.:** Travis Weaver (open seat, former district of Rep. Norine Hammond)

19. **97th H.D.:** Harry Benton (D) (flipped open seat Rep. Mark Batinick)

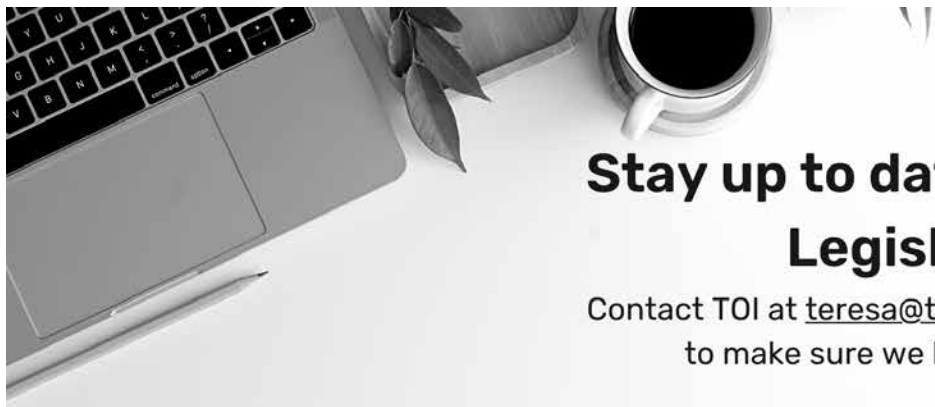
20. **105th H.D.:** Dennis Tipsword (R) (open seat of Rep. Dan Brady)

21. **108th H.D.:** Wayne Rosenthal (R) (open seat, former district of Rep. Charlie Meier)

22. **114th H.D.:** Kevin Schmidt (R) (tentatively defeated Rep. LaToya Greenwood (D))

New Senate Members:

1. **1st S.D.:** Javier Cervantes (D) (replaced Sen Tony Munoz)
2. **11th S.D.:** Mike Porfiro (D) (Old Villanueva seat)
3. **16th S.D.:** Willie Preston (D) (replaced Sen Jacqueline Collins)
4. **24th S.D.:** Seth Lewis (R) (open seat, former district of Sen. Suzanne Glowiak Hilton)
5. **31st S.D.:** Mary Edly Allen (D) (open seat of Sen. Melinda Bush)
6. **36th S.D.:** Mike Halpin (D) (open seat, former district of Sen. Neil Anderson)
7. **43rd S.D.:** Rachel Ventura (D) (defeated Sen. Eric Mattson in primary)
8. **45th S.D.:** Andrew Chesney (R) (open seat, former Sen. Brain Stewart district)
9. **56th S.D.:** Conway-Harriss (R) (defeated Sen Kris Tharp (D))



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TOIRMA Update

By Jim Donelan

TOIRMA Executive Director



Thankful for 2022 and Looking Forward to 2023

ALTHOUGH I'M NOT A BIG FAN of cold winter weather and the shorter hours of daylight, I do appreciate this time of the year. The period between Thanksgiving and Christmas is a magical time. As we approach the end of a calendar year, I always seem to reflect on the past year's activities. Your TOIRMA Team appreciates our members and all that has been accomplished during the year.

Dividend Declared

Towards the beginning of 2022, the TOIRMA Board of Trustees declared a dividend to eligible members. This marks the 31st consecutive year a dividend has been issued, and this year's total was \$2,223,883. The cumulative total returned to townships is over \$50 million. The Board is pleased to continually provide this member benefit especially with rising costs and ongoing claims.

Annual Member Survey

Serving our members remains a top priority. One of the key forms of feedback we receive from our membership is the Annual Member Survey. Responses to the survey have been instrumental in evaluating our ongoing performance and helps in mapping out our upcoming year. Historically, the response rate from our members has been well over 65%, and we appreciate the input. The Board of Trustees and the management team has improved coverages over the years based on survey responses.

Tree Removal Coverage Limit Increased

As a direct result of recent Annual Member Survey responses, effective June 1, 2022, the TOIRMA Board of Trustees increased the tree removal coverage limit from \$2,500 to \$5,000. This coverage applies for storm damage clean-up (i.e., from lightning, wind, rain, or ice), removal and replacement of downed trees on township property. This amount applies to all trees damaged during any continuous 24-hour period. This does not apply to trees located within the right-of-way under the normal responsibility of the road district.

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Thank you to TOI

It was great to see so many of you during TOI's recent Annual Educational Conference held in Springfield. The Board and staff enjoyed "seeing" and speaking with officials and catching up on happenings in your townships. Thank you to TOI for hosting a great in-person event.

TOIRMA has a lot to be thankful for this year, and we hope our members have had a prosperous 2022, and we wish all a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year!

As always, if you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me toll-free at (888) 562-7861 or by email at jdonelan@toirma.org.

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A total of \$359,500 has been awarded to 214 students.

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Interviewee's Signature	_____		

Extracurricular Activities (also include work experience)

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- Must be a graduating Illinois high school senior.
- Must be applying to attend a university/college located in Illinois. Awards may not be deferred. If you need to change schools after being awarded a scholarship, please contact the TOI office as soon as possible.
- Must be a U.S. citizen and resident of Illinois.
- Must plan to attend a university/college in Illinois as a full time student.
- Must have a history of extracurricular activities that demonstrates a willingness to accept leadership responsibilities (student government, club officer, etc.) or a commitment to civic responsibility, social consciousness and a willingness to serve the community (community service projects, volunteer activities with local service agencies or charitable institutions, etc.)
- Must submit a 500-word essay on *The Role of Township Government in Today's Society and in the Future* that will include information gained from an interview with an **elected** township official.
- Must submit two letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors, local officials or business people.
- Must submit an official high school transcript.
- Must submit a cover letter and completed application form.
- Must be mailed no later than March 1, 2023. *Faxed or emailed applications will not be accepted.*

All applicants should expect to receive written notification of a decision after April 1, 2023.

All scholarship awards are disbursed directly to the award recipient's school and must be used for the 2023-2024 academic year, awards may not be deferred.

Application



Name

Mailing Address

City, State, Zip

Phone

Email

Township in which you reside _____

County in which you reside _____

U.S. Citizen? Yes No Illinois Resident? Yes No

High School

City

State

Zip

Expected Graduation Date _____ Cumulative GPA* _____

College/University attending Fall 2023: (must be in Illinois)

School Name

City in Illinois

Expected Major:

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Township Government

TOI's 115th Annual Educational Conference provides the education and opportunity for officials to better serve their communities

Once again Township Officials showed their commitment to township government and learning by coming together for TOI's 115th Annual Educational Conference in Springfield. Officials from across the state attend this year's event, a three-day conference that was filled with educational sessions, knowledgeable speakers, and networking opportunities all centering around this year's theme: *Step Up to the Plate for Township Government*.

Officials stepped up to bat and hit a home run to better township government by participating in a parade of township flags, taking part in educational sessions, and honoring townships for their achievements and community service. Everyone enjoyed the opening session's speaker Steven Ford and his stories from growing up in the White House as President Ford's son. The closing session offered officials a chance to reflect and look forward to growing a strong and successful township government in 2023.

Thank you to everyone that had a role in putting this event together and making it a valuable, educational experience. On the following pages, you will find the many highlights of the event. We hope you take time to share what you have learned and the experiences and knowledge you gained from the conference.

If you couldn't attend this year's conference, save the date for next year when the 116th Educational Conference will be held again on November 12-14, in Springfield.

Welcome Back

This year, Sunday night was the Welcome Back Reception, held in the Exhibit Hall. The event offered an opportunity for attendees to meet again with other township officials and staff for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic hit.



TOI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Jerry B. Crabtree welcomes attendees to the Sunday night Welcome Back Reception.



TRUSTEE JOE SOTO (Milton Township, DuPage Co.), Trustee Dan Milinko (Milton Township, DuPage Co.), Supervisor Randy Ramey (Wayne Township, DuPage Co.), Trustee Drew Ellis (Milton Township, DuPage Co.), and Trustee Jeff Castle (Milton Township, DuPage Co.).



ATTENDEES CHECK OUT the TOIPAC Silent Auction at the TOI Booth

ATTENDEES ENJOYED an All American Cook Out Style Buffet at the Welcome Back Reception.



FORMER TOI PRESIDENT and former Trustee of Joliet Township (Will Co.) Jeff Wallace demonstrated the proper way to fold the American Flag in honor of Veterans Day.

Opening Session

Danny Hanning, TOI President

TOI President Danny Hanning welcomed attendees to the Opening Session. He was beyond grateful to be able to hold an in-person conference again this year, while virtual may work it is nothing like talking face to face. Because of this, President Hanning presented the President's Award during the Opening Session. This year's recipient is Tim Peters, Local Policy and Technology Engineer with IDOT.



TOI IMMED. PAST PRESIDENT Danny Hanning presents the 2022 President's Award to Tim Peters.

Lisa Hodge, Conference Chair

TOI Conference Committee Chair, Clerks Division President, and TOI Board Member Lisa Hodge welcomed back conference attendees on Monday morning. Lisa made sure to remind everyone to visit the Exhibit Hall, attend educational sessions, and attend division meetings.



LISA HODGE, Conference Chair, TOI Board Member, and Township Clerk Blackberry Township (Kane Co.).

TOI Legislative Consultant Taylor Anderson



TOI Legislative Consultant Taylor Anderson provided an overview of legislative activity in Springfield. Anderson talked about the importance of talking to legislators, especially newly elected legislators.

TOI Executive Director Jerry B. Crabtree

TOI Executive Director Jerry B. Crabtree addressed the attendees at this year's opening session and gave the Association Report. With only a handful of townships not part of TOI, we are adequately representing and serving the 1426 townships in Illinois. Crabtree thanked the TOI staff, and gave a special mention to Pam Butler as this was her forty-second (and last) conference with TOI before her retirement. Crabtree also honored TOI President Danny Hanning who



TOI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Jerry B. Crabtree greets attendees at the Opening Session

unexpectedly stepped up and into the role of TOI President in 2017 and served longer than his designated term due to the pandemic impacting the holding of an in-person conference in 2020 and 2021. Crabtree presented President Hanning with an award in recognition of his service to the association.



IMMED. PAST PRESIDENT Danny Hanning was presented an award for his extended term as TOI President by TOI Executive Director Jerry B. Crabtree

Keynote speaker, Steven Ford

Steven Ford has enjoyed a successful acting career for over 30 years appearing in over 800 hours of film and television productions. He has worked on over 25 films and many guest leads in television. Most recently you would have seen Ford appearing in the hit movie *Transformers* and *Black Hawk Down*. Ford's other film credits would include films such as *Contact* with Jodie Foster, *Armageddon* with Bruce Willis, *Starship Troopers*, *Eraser* with Schwarzenegger, *Heat* with Al Pacino, *Carrie II*, *Young Doctors in Love*, and *When Harry Met Sally* as Meg Ryan's Boyfriend. He has also done numerous guest leads in television shows such as *Suddenly Susan*, *J.A.G.*, *Dark Skies*, *Flipper*, *Walker Texas Ranger*, *Dr. Quinn*, *Baywatch*, *Mr. And Mrs. Smith*, *The Cape*, *Pensicola*, *The Sentinel*, *Columbo*, *Murder She Wrote* and *Happy Days*. Ford also hosted a full season, 22 episodes, of the prime time series *Secret Service* for NBC. Early in Ford's career he spent six years playing the character



STEVEN FORD speaks to attendees at the Opening Session of the 115th Annual Educational Conference.

Andy Richards on the Emmy award winning daytime show *The Young And The Restless*.

Before becoming an actor in 1980, Ford worked on the professional rodeo circuit as a team roper and still ropes today in his spare time. He owns a ranch in California. Steve served three years on the *Board Of Directors Of The National Cowboy Hall Of Fame* in Oklahoma City and currently serves on the *Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation*.

Ford talked about how life changed for the Ford family once President Gerald Ford entered the White House. He interwove American history with his family history, that gave attendees a look behind the curtain during the Nixon Resignation and the inauguration of President Ford. Ford discussed how life changed, but also didn't in many ways. He spoke of how when President Ford was sworn in, they were unable to move immediately into the White House and went back home to their suburban home, where his mother, Betty Ford, still cooked dinner that night.

Ford told stories of how he decided to become a cowboy at eighteen and had Secret Service Agents with him during his rodeo years, and showed pictures! Most of all, Ford discussed how his father changed his life. Taught him about character, integrity, and respect. Ford asked everyone to think of a child in their life—kids, grandkids, neighbors, etc. and how they could help that child grow into an adult with all the skills they need.

Annual Parade of Flags

We were pleased to bring back the Annual Parade of Township Flags. Thank you to all who participated.



Municipal Band

The Springfield Municipal Band played in the Diamond Ballroom before the Opening Session.



THERE WERE OVER 600 ATTENDEES at the Opening Session of the 115th Annual Educational Conference.

Educational Sessions

The 2022 Educational Conference offered diverse learning opportunities for officials based on the specific needs of their townships and positions. Conference attendees were able to choose which educational sessions to attend out of the many great options based on their needs and goals.



JOHN REDLINGSHAFER, Merscher, Rinehart, & Redlingshafer, P.C., presents his session “Legal Do’s and Don’ts for Highway Commissioners.”



RANDY STEVENS, IMRF, presents to a packed room “IMRF Discussion.”



SHERYL H. CHURNEY, Klein, Thorpe & Jenkins, Ltd, presents her session “Township Levy and Ordinance Process.”



KERI-LYNN KRAFTHEFER, Ancel Glink, presents her session “Consolidation Issues in Township Government.”



CONFERENCE GOERS attend sessions to further their education on township matters.

President's Reception

This year, Monday night featured a reception held by President Danny Hanning. This presented a more relaxed opportunity for conference attendees to come together and celebrate.



TOIRMA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Jim Donelan and TOI Immediate Past President and Highway Commissioner (Huntsville Township, Schuyler Co.) Danny Hanning.



TOI FIRST VICE PRESIDENT and Township Clerk (Stonington Township, Christian Co.) Craig Paulek and TOI Director of Member Services Brad Ruppert.



TOIRMA MEMBER SERVICES Associate Mickey Goral, Deputy Highway Commissioner (Rockford Township, Winnebago Co.) Barry Palm, Township Clerk (Rockford Township, Winnebago Co.) Carl Wasco, Assessor (Rockford Township, Winnebago Co.) Ken Crowley, TOIRMA Executive Director Jim Donelan, TOIRMA Associate Director Matt Knight, Supervisor (Rockford Township, Winnebago Co.) Jasper St. Angel.



EXEC. ASSISTANT to Supervisor (Waukegan Township, Lake Co.) Tami Springs, TOI Board of Directors and Trustee (Waukegan Township, Lake Co.) Percy Johnson, Supervisor (Waukegan Township, Lake Co.) Marc Jones, and Township Attorney (Waukegan Township, Lake Co.) Torrie Newsome.



TSI PRESIDENT, TOI Board Member, and Supervisor (Blackhawk Township, Rock Island Co.) Chuck Layer, TSI Immediate Past President, TOI Treasurer, and Supervisor (Reed Township, Will Co.) Sherill Knorr, and Supervisor (Kewanee Township, Henry Co.) Jon Jagers.

Cocktails & Dueling Pianos

After the President's Reception, the Monday night entertainment was Cocktails & Dueling Pianos. Attendees enjoyed the fun!



VOLUNTEERS FROM the crowd joined in on the performance by singing and playing the piano.



GUESTS IN THE CROWD were pulled up on stage to dance their way back to freedom.



Division Meetings

All officials were encouraged to meet with their divisions to go over an agenda of items relative to their township position.



THE TOWNSHIP CLERKS meeting met for a wonderful in-person meeting.



ITASCSC GATHERED for their Division meeting on Tuesday morning.



THE SUPERVISOR'S DIVISION Board Members checking in paid dues members into their Division Meeting.



THE TRUSTEES' DIVISION had a packed room for their Tuesday morning meeting!



THE ASSESSORS DIVISION had a good turn out for the Division meeting.

Division Awards

Robert Turner Award Supervisors Division

Chuck Layer, Supervisor Blackhawk Township (Rock Island Co.) is the recipient of the 2022 Robert Turner Award, presented by Sherrill Knorr, Supervisor, Reed Township (Will Co.).

The Robert Turner award is given by the president of the Township Supervisors of Illinois to an individual who displays an extraordinary dedication to township government in their role.

Named after the late Bob Turner (1932-2008), the person who receives the award embodies the characteristic work ethic and attitude that Turner, who received the first award in 2006, is remembered for. Turner was a supervisor in Belvidere Township, Boone County, for 25 years before his death and also served more than 15 years as a TOI Director and served as president of the supervisor's division 2003-2004. Turner built a legacy as a continuous supporter and advocate for township government and TOI.



SHERRILL KNORR (Reed Township, Will Co.) presents the 2022 Robert Turner Award to Chuck Layer (Blackhawk Township, Rock Island Co.).

William Z. Ahrends Award Clerks Division

Brenda Woods, Township Clerk Fulton Township (Whiteside Co.), is this year's recipient of the William Z. Ahrends Award, presented by Lisa Hodge, Township Clerk Blackberry Township (Kane Co.).

Named after the late William Z. Ahrends, the person who receives the award shares the commitment and dedication for the position of clerk and township government that Ahrends had. Ahrends was a strong advocate of local government, his belief in township government inspired him to organize two township officials' associations: *The Township Clerk's Division of Township Officials of Illinois (TOI)* and the *Livingston County Association of Township Officials*, both in 1954. Ahrends served as Rooks Creek Township Clerk, Livingston County for 41 years, and also served as director emeritus of TOI, he was the only person to ever hold that office.

2022 Outstanding Caseworker of the Year Award

General Assistance Caseworkers Division

Guadalupe Somerville, Moraine Township (Lake Co.) is awarded the 2022 Caseworker of the Year Award, presented by Illinois Township Association of General Assistance Caseworkers President Mary Jo Imperato.

Guadalupe was nominated by Supervisor Anne Bassi of Moraine Township for going above and beyond assisting residents as well as worked at the make-shift resource center helping her community after the July 4th parade shooting in Highland Park.



GAUDALUPE SOMERVILLE, Moraine Township (Lake Co.), accepts the award for 2022 Caseworker of the Year.

2022 Best Township Innovative Program

Washington Township, Tazewell County is awarded the 2022 Best Township Innovative Program award, presented by Illinois Township Association of General Assistance Caseworkers

President Mary Jo Imperato (Hanover Township, Co.).

Washington Township won for their transportation program. Providing local transit services to resident on an economical basis.



SUPERVISOR JIM BRIMNER, Washington Township (Tazewell Co), and Highway Commissioner Scott Weaver, Washington Township (Tazewell Co.) accept the 2022 Best Township Innovative Program award.

2022 Township of the Year

Monee Township, Will County is awarded the 2022 Township of the Year award, presented by Illinois Township Association of General Assistance Caseworkers President Mary Jo Imperato.



SUPERVISOR DONNA DETTBARN, Monee Township (Will Co.) accepts the 2022 Township of the Year Award.

Monee Township was recognized for their response to residents in need utilizing Emergency Assistance Programs as well as outreach programs including back to school supply program, Easter Baskets, Holiday Meal Boxes, programs for Seniors and Youth and more.

2022 Supervisor of the Year

Supervisor Brian McGuire, Hanover Township (Cook Co.), won the inaugural 2022 Supervisor of the Year award, presented by Illinois Township Association of General Assistance Caseworkers President Mary Jo Imperato.



Brian McGuire won for his strong leadership, innovative programming and dedication to the residents of Hanover Township.

SUPERVISOR BRIAN MCGUIRE, Hanover Township (Cook Co.) accepts the 2022 Supervisor of the Year award.

Outstanding Legislator

Township Officials of Illinois

Tony McCombie, Representative of the 71st District, is the recipient of the Outstanding Legislator award given to a legislator by TOI, who has shown commitment to township government and supports legislative initiatives of the association.



TOI LEGISLATIVE CONSULTANT Taylor Anderson, Highway Commissioner and TOI Secretary Arnold Vegter (Union Grove Township, Whiteside Co.), Rep (R-71) Tony McCombie, TOI Executive Director Jerry B. Crabtree, and Highway Commissioner and TOI Immed. Past President Danny Hanning (Huntsville Township, Schuyler Co.).

ITASCSC Awards

Innovative Senior Program of The Year *Hanover Township's "Home Care Services"*

ITASCSC chose to recognize this particular program due to its timeliness and for meeting a real need during the pandemic. Hanover Township began the process of creating this program in early 2021. The Township recognized that their

older adults were needing more and more help in their homes and were struggling to find it. The program provides non-medical, in-home services like support of activities of daily living (bathing, grooming, dressing) and assistance with meal prep, laundry, housekeeping, companionship and errands.



TRUSTEE EUGENE MARTINEZ (Hanover Township, Cook Co.) accepted the 2022 Innovative Senior Program of the Year award.

Senior Director of The Year *Laura Wassinger, Dorr Township*

SOAR ("Serving Older Adult Residents") @ Dorr started in July 2021 as an intergovernmental agreement with the city of Woodstock. Shortly after that, Laura Wassinger was hired as the program's director and has had an enormous impact on expanding Door Township's Senior Program. Laura has been able to offer technology to people through the distribution



LAURA WASSINGER (Dorr Township, McHenry Co.) accepts the Senior Director of the Year award.

of free tablets and training, started an advisory group, book club, walking group, conversation café, arts & crafts and much more. She partnered with another local senior group to offer "a matter of balance" classes, and had to start a waiting list due to its popularity.

Township of the Year

Rich Township

Serving the heart of Chicago's south suburbs, Rich Township's core mission is to always remain committed to providing quality and timely assistance to their residents, and they do just that! During the past year, they've hosted a series of new events, including an Open House to meet the Board, COVID-19 testing and vaccine clinics, community cleanup and shredding events, free car light repairs, Black History celebrations, Mark Luther King food drive, Christmas toy drive and collecting cases of water for the residents of Jackson, Mississippi. Additionally, ongoing services for seniors continue to include transportation, food pantry, resources and referrals, meals, yoga classes, in-home services, line dancing, and health and wellness programs, just to name a few.

Senior Volunteer of the Year

Patricia Koko, Oak Park and River Forest Township

Patricia Koko was chosen as ITASCSC's 2022 honoree as a result of learning what an incredible long-term volunteer she is. Nominated by members of Oak Park & River Forest Townships' Senior Services Committee, they wanted us to know that Pat's lifelong commitment to senior services



PATRICIA KOKO, Oak Park and River Forest Township accepts the award for Senior Volunteer of the Year.



RICH TOWNSHIP (Cook Co.) accepting the 2022 ITASCSC Township of the Year Award. L to R: Assessor Rich Brown, GA Caseworker Elizabeth Gonzalez, Administrator Pam Al-Amin, Director of Senior Services Mayme Buckley, Administrator Trinette Britt, Supervisor Calvin Jordan, Staff member Robert Fox, Trustee Jacquelyn Small, Staff member Percy Harris, Trustee Therese Goodrich, Trustee Nick Bobis, Township Clerk Arlene “Sugar” Al-Amin.

goes all the way back to the early 1970s, when the first senior services committee began. Throughout the years, Pat has continued to raise awareness about Township services and was a founding leader of the Celebrating Seniors Coalition.

Elected Official of the Year

Joe Burgess, Washington Township (Will Co.)

Joe Burgess was on the township committee that initiated dial-a-ride transportation for Washington Township. Joe’s real passion, however, is with helping and providing programs for the seniors of the Township. Since 2009, he’s been the driving force and architect of a multitude of senior programs and activities like movie nights, breakfast events, holiday dinners, flu shot clinics and even the senior prom. He works behind the scenes to coordinate programs, solicit donations, advertise them and then attend nearly every event.



TOWNSHIP CLERK Joe Burgess (Washington Township, Will Co.) accepts the award for Elected Official of the Year.

AITCOY Awards

2022 Township Youth Leadership Award *Winner Tee Willey, Hanover Township*

Tee Wiley volunteered numerous times for Hanover Township Youth and Family Services at various events and served as a positive role model for other volunteers.



TEE WILEY, Hanover Township, was presented the 2022 Youth Leadership Award.

2022 Township Friend of Youth Award *Winner: Brian P. McGuire, Supervisor Hanover Township (Cook Co.)*

Brian McGuire's steadfast and consistent leadership in supporting ongoing and new Township programming has been outstanding.



BRIAN P. MCGUIRE, Supervisor Hanover Township (Cook Co.) was awarded the 2022 Township Friend of Youth Award.

2022 Youth Organization Award *Winner: Hanover Township (Cook Co.)*

Hanover Township is selected for their ingenuity during the pandemic in looking at and being flexible with the delivery of all services to youth.

2022 AITCOY Youth Leadership Award *Winner: Sophia Boborci, Maine Township*

Sophia Boborci volunteered for the Peer Mentoring Program in Maine Township and her ability to foster relationships is outstanding.



KAREN DIMOND, Supervisor Maine Township (Cook Co.) accepted the 2022 AITCOY Youth Leadership Award on behalf of Sophia Boborci.

Closing Session

Each Division president provided an update on their division and presented donations to TOI's scholarship program and TOIPAC. Nominating Committee Vice Chair M. Carroll Carroll presented board recommendations for the 2022-2024 officers and board members. Amendments to the TOI Bylaws were also approved. All motions were unanimously approved.



IMMED. PAST PRESIDENT Danny Hanning (Huntsville Township, Schuyler Co.) welcomes officials to the Closing Session.



SUPERVISOR'S DIVISION Immed. Past President Sherrill Knorr (Reed Township, Will Co.) reports on the Supervisors Division and presents a donation to the TOI Scholarship Fund.



CHAIR OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE, M. Carroll Carroll (Brimfield Township, Peoria Co.) presents the board's recommendations for the 2022-2024 Executive Board.



TOWNSHIP CLERKS President Katy Dolan Baumer (Hanover Township, Cook Co.) presents a summary of the division before presenting a donation for the TOI Scholarship Fund.



ASSESSOR'S DIVISION President John Dabrowski (Bloomingdale Township, DuPage Co.) gives an update on the status of the division and presents a donation to the scholarship fund.



HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S DIVISION President Arnold Vegter (Union Grove Township, Whiteside Co.) provides a report of the division and presents a donation to the TOI Scholarship Fund.



TRUSTEES DIVISION President Mike Reynolds (Long Creek Township, Macon Co.) presents an update on the division and donation towards the TOI Scholarship Fund.



NEWLY ELECTED TOI President Christopher Kain (Addison Township, DuPage Co.) speaks to the attendees of the closing session and the TOI membership for the first time.



HON. EUGENE DOHERTY (Appellate Judge, Appellate Court Fourth District) swears in the TOI Board Members for the 2022-2024 term.

New Officers



Christopher Kain
President
Assessor
Addison Township,
DuPage Co.



Craig Paulek
First Vice President
Township Clerk
Stonington Township
Christian Co.



Sherry Tite
Second Vice President
Township Clerk
Wood River Township
Madison Co.



Sherrill Knorr
Treasurer
Supervisor
Reed Township
Will Co.



Arnold Vegter
Secretary
Highway Commissioner
Union Grove Township
Whiteside Co.



Danny Hanning
Immediate Past President
Highway Commissioner
Huntsville Township
Schuyler Co.

New Directors



Lisa Hodge
Township Clerk
Blackberry Township
Kane Co.



Scott Kegarise
Highway Commissioner
Schaumburg Township
Cook Co.



Karen Megan
Tax Collector
Millbrook Township
Peoria Co.



Mary Rob Clarke
Trustee
Riverside Township
Cook Co.



Sandy Shaw
Assessor
Wood River Township
Madison Co.



Kay Starostovic
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Wishing you all the best this Holiday Season



Can you believe it? 2022 is almost over and the holidays are once again upon us. This year seems to have gotten much closer to “Normal,” almost what I remember 2019 to be. Despite the issues with the supply chain, runaway inflation, and natural disasters, townships continue to prove our value and worth. We can all take a few moments to celebrate and enjoy the season with family and friends. Thanks again for your service and dedication to the residents you serve. Helping others while going above and beyond truly brings the Holiday spirit to life.

Looking forward to a great 2023.

*Chris Kain, President
Township Officials of Illinois*

Happy Holidays from TOI

We would like to wish all of our members and their families a happy holiday season filled with many blessings. Thank you for your continued support and involvement with township government. We look forward to the many opportunities in the New Year!

—Jerry, Brad, Kayla, TJ, & Taylor



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Your assistance is much appreciated!



The Scoop on Supervisors

By Chuck Layer

President, Township Supervisors of Illinois
Supervisor, Blackhawk Township, Rock Island Co.



WELL, IF YOU ARE THUMBING THROUGH your December issue of your *Township Perspective* magazine and catching up on all the articles ... that picture at the top of this page is not Sherrill, and she has not lost all her hair!!! Hello everyone, I am Chuck Layer. I am Supervisor at Blackhawk Township in Rock Island County. I have had the pleasure of serving on the Board of Directors of TSI, in different capacities, and now the honor of serving as its President. I know that these are some very big shoes to fill ... following those of Sherrill Knorr, Susan Curtiss (we miss you), Mike Young (we miss you), Dave Dobbels, Gene Dawson, just to name a few. And yes, I would be remiss if I didn't mention Mickey Goral, you know, that guy who has the record of being in most photos in one issue of the *Township Perspective*!

As I am writing this article, plans are being made for our November Conference. This was our first (in-person) Conference since 2019. I hope that saw many of you there. There are some great educational seminars to attend as always. The networking one can get from this Conference is invaluable. Jerry B. Crabtree, the TOI staff, and TOI Board of Directors do an absolutely fantastic job making sure it's always better than the last. You can see the recap of the Conference in this issue!

Remember, that as Supervisor, this is the time of

the year to approve your Tax Levy. Your Township Clerk has until December 27th (the last Tuesday in December) to turn it in to the County. If you are going to adopt a levy more than 105% of the amount of the prior year, you must publish notice in a newspaper and hold a public hearing. Always refer to your 2022 TOI Laws and Duties Handbook for the information you need. As the new year starts you should be thinking about your upcoming budget for the next fiscal year. It may be time to also be thinking about disposal of records. Be sure to follow all the guidelines set by the Illinois State Archives Office - Local Records Commission. Remember that the TOI website has many downloads that can be very helpful.

As winter approaches, remember to give your Highway Commissioner an extra smile or handshake! They along with their crews can put in some very long and stressful hours during the winter season. As far as that goes, give all those guys and gals in those County and State Snow Plows a hardy wave to let them know they're appreciated. Make sure to give them plenty of right of way on the roads when you see them.

That's it for now!

From me and all the TSI Board of Directors ...

**We wish all of you a very Merry, Safe,
and Healthy Christmas and New Years!**



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Clerk's Corner

By Lisa Hodge

Immed. Past President, TOI Clerks Division



We preserve the history of our Township as it happens

THANK YOU to everyone that “Stepped up to the Plate” and attended the TOI 115th Annual Conference! We especially enjoyed meeting the new Clerks and visiting with the returning Clerks. Hopefully everyone learned something that they didn't know before the Conference.

The Clerk's Division would like to thank Mr. Bob Boots from the Illinois Archives, for his presentation of “Record Retention in Township Government”.

The Clerk's Board of Directors had a good time presenting the skit “A Year in the Life of a Clerk”. More importantly, we hope that we provided content/information/knowledge that you could take with you.

On Tuesday, at the Business Meeting, we had a rousing game that challenged all of us and we had to put on our thinking caps to come up with the answers to the questions that our Moderator posed to the group. The Clerk's Division's amended Bylaws were approved.

The Ahrends Award recipient was announced: Congratulations to Brenda Woods, Fulton Twp./Whiteside Co. Elections were held, and I'd like to extend congratulations to the new Clerk's Board of Directors.

Planning for the 2023 Educational Sessions has begun. The calendar of dates will be published in the combined issue of the January/February Perspective. Please make it a point to put the dates on your Township calendar and encourage all your fellow Township Officials to attend a session.

In December, the Township Board needs to adopt the Holiday Schedule for the next year. The Board may adopt the Schedule of Regular Board Meeting Dates at



THE TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS OF KANE COUNTY

gathered in Batavia, on October 26 at the Lincoln Inn for a dinner meeting. Mickey Goral, from TOIRMA was a presenter, pictured here with Blackberry Township (Kane Co.) Clerk and TOI Director Lisa Hodge.

the beginning of the calendar year or at the beginning of the fiscal year.

Important dates:

- Dec. 6, 2022-Last Day to Determine Tax Levy for Truth in Taxation
- Dec. 20, 2022-Last Day for Truth in Taxation Notice
- Dec. 27, 2022-Last Day to Hold Truth in Taxation Hearing, Adopt & File Tax Levies

Every issue of the *Perspective* magazine prints a Township Calendar/Checklist in the back pages. I suggest everyone print that checklist found in the 2023 Jan/Feb issue and then you have it available for the whole year.

If you have a question/suggestion, please send it to me. Email me at clerk@blackberrytwp.com, write me at 43W390 Main Street Road, Elburn, IL 60119, or call 630-365-9109, ext. 5.

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Trustees Perspective



By Michael Reynolds

President, Township Trustees of Illinois
Long Creek Township (Macon Co.)

WELL, THE LAST TWO YEARS have gone by sometimes slowly, and then like a rocket.

I am writing this before attending the 115th Conference, so if you attended the Trustees Division meeting on November 14th, much of this you may have heard there.

The revised 2021 Trustees' Manuals were mailed out to 859 townships. As for new members of the Trustees' Division, 130 joined in 2022.

Manuals have been already mailed out to the 130 townships, and we will continue to mail out to new members as long as the supply last, we will see about having the manual available for purchase online.

The Trustees Division has a full Board! President Mike Reynolds, Vice President Mary Hamilton, Secretary Mary Rob Clarke, Treasurer Jacqueline Stewart, Directors at Large: Matthew C. Starr, Jacquelyn Small,

Paul Santucci, Judith Lukas, Jeffery Castle, and James Young.

Trustees are teaming up with the Supervisors Division on four events to show how the two elected positions work together as a board in 2023. The list of dates and locations is below.

June 16 Drury Inn, Mt Vernon
July 14 Radisson, Rockford
July 28 Doubletree, Bloomington
August 11 Bally's Rock Island

Watch the *Township Perspective* magazine and the TOI Website (www.toi.org) for more. Plan on taking advantage of these events

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2023!



At the October **LONG CREEK TOWNSHIP** (Macon Co.) Board meeting, Trustee, TOI Board of Directors, and Trustees Division President Mike Reynolds unveiled the township's new Flag with the township logo on it. This is the first time the Township has had an official flag.

Illinois Township Association of General Assistance Caseworkers



By Mary Jo Imperato

President, ITAGAC

AT THE ITAGAC DIVISION MEETING in November the 2022 elections were held and my term as President of the Association ended. Though I will still be active on the board as Secretary I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your support during the past eight years. When I was elected President of the Association the discussion was to disband. Since then, our membership has grown to over 80 townships. The purpose of the Association is to educate General Assistance staff and ensure consistent implementation of General Assistance programs throughout the State of Illinois. We have brought trainings to you on available resources, State and local programs, as well as, provided training on mental health. We remained consistent during the pandemic and continued trainings remotely allowing us to keep you up to date on current programs and resources available to assist residents facing hardship. In April we hosted our first annual conference with more than 90 in attendance and provided trainings on Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security Disability, Department of Human Services Programming and Illinois Housing Development Authorities Programs including the Mortgage Assistance program assisting residents facing foreclosure due to the pandemic. It has been an honor to serve with you and I look forward to continuing our work together.

The newly elected board is as follows:

Lakeela Jennings, President - Thornton Township
Kindra Cunningham, Vice President - Fondulac Township

Mary Jo Imperato, Secretary - Hanover Township
Angela Scaggs, Treasurer - Troy Township
Annually at the TOI Conference in November, the Association presents awards. This year the board received the largest number of award nominations. Through careful consideration below are the Award Winners for 2022:

Guadalupe Somerville, Moraine Township - Case-worker of the Year

Washington Township - Best Innovative Program

Monee Township - Township of the Year

Brian McGuire, Supervisor of the Year - Hanover Township

The Illinois Emergency Homeowner Assistance Fund (ILHAF) program is now accepting applications for mortgage assistance. This program provides up to \$60,000 in mortgage assistance to eligible homeowners. For more information on this program please contact ILHAF at 866-454-3571 or send an email to hafquestions@ihda.org.

Finally, our next workshop is tentatively scheduled for January 26, 2023, and we are hoping will be in-person at one of our member township locations. Please visit our webpage at www.toi.org social workers page for more information.

If you have any resources or programs you are interested in sharing or learning more about please contact Lakeela Jennings at ljennings@thorntontwp.com.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Jo Imperato

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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Assessing the Facts



By Deb Lane

CIAO-Multi-Township Assessor
Meriden, Ophir, Troy Grove Townships, LaSalle County

TOI Fall Conference & Updates



THE IAA BOARD. James Weisiger (Champaign Township, Champaign Co.), Deb Lane (Ophir, Troy Grove Townships, LaSalle Co.), John Dabrowski (Bloomington Township, DuPage Co.), Sandy Shaw (Wood River Township, Madison Co.), Christopher Kain (Addison Township, DuPage Co.), Deanna Wilkins (York Township, DuPage Co.), and Neal Wood (Neweman, Murdock, Sargent, Bowdre Townships, Douglas Co.)

IF YOU WERE NOT at the TOI 2022 Fall Conference, *YOU missed out!* It was great to see everyone again, so much better than a meeting on a computer screen! I always learn something new, catch up with other officials, and I get energized on Township Government. TOI's Keynote Speaker was Steve Ford (son of former President of the United States Gerald R Ford), what a *GREAT Motivational Speaker!* If you couldn't make it, there is always next year.

We had our Annual IAA Meeting. Josh Barnett, IPAI Executive Director was our guest speaker. IPAI has and is working on, new and updated courses, education locations, and Josh is *Very Excited* about the 2023 State Conference (which was the March Workshop) March 26-31, 2023 held in Bloomington. Courses will be on the website soon, and registration begins on Dec. 13, 2022.

We also had the IAA Election of Officers: President John Dabrowski, Vice President Deanna Wilkins, Secretary Sandy Shaw, Treasurer Chris Kain, Past President James Weisiger, and Board Members Neal Wood

and Deb Lane. Yes, you read that right, I'm back on the Board!

We will have Polo shirts available for sale at the State Conference in March for \$30, Black, Blue or Grey, see below.

At the closing Session, one of our own, Chris Kain, Addison Township Assessor, DuPage County was voted in as our New TOI President! Congratulations Chris!



IAA POLOS will be available for purchase in March through IAA.

This is also the time of year for Nomination Awards, presented at the 2023 IPAI State Conference. You can get all the details by looking at the IPAI website—ipaieducation.org, under Recourses—Annual Awards. *Do you have that outstanding Assessor? Or do you know of someone that should be nominated?* Nominations are open Nov. 1 thru Jan. 31, 2023. The Marshall Theroux Memorial Award was presented to Chesney (Offutt) Leafblad, Chief Deputy Assessor for Warren Township, Lake County this past April. *Congratulations Chesney!* So well deserved! Marshall Theroux Award is the highest honor bestowed in the Illinois Property Assessment Industry. There are two other awards for outstanding achievement in property assessment: one for large jurisdictions and one for small jurisdictions. Get that form filled out today! Or call the IPAI office for more information at (309)-862-0300.

We are still working on Assessor Vacancies in IL, please try and fill these positions at the Township level.

Our Township Officials Association in LaSalle County is having our Christmas Party before you read this, we hope your Holidays are filled with Blessings and good Cheer!

If you have an idea for an article, please let me know. You can email me at dlane@udnet.net, or regular mail to - Box 54, Troy Grove, IL 61372 or call me at cell 815-343-2127.



TOI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Jerry B. Crabtree with newly elected TOI President and Assessor Chris Kain (Addison Township, DuPage Co.).




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Ready For the Defense



By Steve Judge

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Township's Indifference to Sub-Par Stormwater System was not a Taking Subject to Injunctive Relief

IN THIS MONTH'S COLUMN, we discuss the ruling of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois in *Bennett v. City of Centreville, et al*, involving an alleged taking under 42 U.S.C. Section 1983 in violation of the United States Constitution's Fifth Amendment Takings Clause and the Takings Clause of the Illinois Constitution, Article I, Section 15. *Bennett v. City of Centreville, et al*, 20-CV-530 (S.D. Ill. 2020).

In this case, Plaintiffs all own homes in the Township of Centreville or City of Centreville. Plaintiffs allege that Defendants have been indifferent to the insufficient stormwater system that has caused stormwater and sewage backup in Plaintiffs' homes and yards. *Id.* Such backups are alleged to not only have caused damage, but the backups also prevented Plaintiffs from using parts of their properties. *Id.*

Preliminary Injunction Requirements

A preliminary injunction requires the seeking party to show that:

- (1) absent preliminary injunctive relief, they will suffer irreparable harm in the interim prior to a final resolution;
- (2) there is no adequate remedy at law; and
- (3) they have a reasonable likelihood of success on the merits.

Turnell v. CentiMark Corp., 796 F.3d 656, 662 (7th Cir. 2015).

If a party can establish these factors, the court will then apply a "sliding scale" to balance the harms to both parties, taking into account the public interest. *Id.*

Likelihood of Success on the Merits

The purpose of the Takings Clause is to prevent governmental entities from requiring certain parties to suffer public burdens which "should be borne by the public as a whole". *Armstrong v. United States*, 364 U.S. 40, 49 (1960). When the government takes physical possession of a property for a public purpose, it must compensate the property owner. *Tahoe-Sierra Preservation Council, Inc. v. Tahoe Reg'l Planning Agency*, 535 U.S. 302, 322 (2002). The government induced flooding of a property has been found to be a taking

of which property owners are entitled to compensation. *Arkansas Game & Fish Comm'n v. United States*, 568 U.S. 23, 31-32 (2012). Courts have looked to the individual facts of each case to determine whether a property owner's use and enjoyment of a property is impacted by the temporary invasion of water on a property. *Pineschi v. Rock River Water Reclamation Dist.*, 805 N.E.2d 1241, 1248 (Ill. App. Ct. 2004). In *Pineschi*, the Appellate Court found Plaintiff's evacuation of the property for several days due to a sewage backup was a compensable taking. *Id.*

The Factors that the court will look to in determining whether there was a taking include:

- a. the time and duration of the flooding;
- b. whether the invasion of the property was intentional or whether it was a foreseeable result of an authorized government action; and
- c. the character of the land and the owner's reasonable investment-backed expectations regarding the land's use.

Arkansas Game & Fish Comm'n, 568 U.S. at 38-39.

Taking these factors into account, the court found that Plaintiffs have a sufficient likelihood of success on their takings claim. Plaintiffs' properties have been flooded over substantial periods of time and have impaired the enjoyment of their properties. While much of the case law involved cases in which the governmental entity caused the flooding, not mere inaction by the entity, the court did not find this to be a detrimental factor to prevent a likelihood of success Plaintiffs' claims.

Defendant argued that the statute of limitations and the public duty rule barred Plaintiffs' claims, preventing a likelihood of success on the merits. However, the court was not persuaded by either defense. The flooding was ongoing and Plaintiff could argue that there was a continuing violation. Additionally, the Illinois Supreme Court has abolished the public duty rule.

No Adequate Remedy at Law

Takings claims seek compensation for the property taken. They do not prohibit the government from taking the property, but they do require that the property owner be adequately compensated. Illinois

courts have found an injunction to be appropriate in takings cases. *LaSalle Nat. Bank & Tr. Co. v. City of Chi.*, 470 N.E.2d 1239, 1247 (Ill. App. Ct. 1984). In this case, Plaintiffs do not want the government to take their property, they just want to stop the flooding from impacting their properties. *Bennett v. City of Centreville* (S.D. Ill. 2020). However, money damages would be an adequate remedy at law to address their takings claims. *Id.*

Plaintiffs cite cases in which monetary compensation was sought including the following:

- *Arkansas Game & Fish Comm'n v. United States*, 568 U.S. 23, 29 (2012) (“[T]he Commission filed the instant lawsuit against the United States, claiming that the temporary deviations from the Manual constituted a taking of property that entitled the Commission to compensation.”);
- *Hampton v. Metro. Water Reclamation Dist. of Greater Chi.*, 57 N.E.3d 1229, 1239 (Ill. 2016) (“[P]laintiffs state that they are seeking com-

pensatory damages for the value of lost possessions and the cost of repairing their homes.”);

- *Pineschi v. Rock River Water Reclamation Dist.*, 805 N.E.2d 1241, 1244 (Ill. App. Ct. 2004) (“Counts V and VI alleged a taking of plaintiff’s property and sought compensation under, respectively, the fifth amendment to the federal constitution . . . and . . . the state constitution.”);
- *Tzakis v. Berger Excavating Contractors*, (Ill. App. Ct. 2019) (no injunctive relief sought).
- *Bennett v. City of Centreville* (S.D. Ill. 2020)

The cases Plaintiffs cite involve cases in which injunctive relief was a potential remedy for asserted tort claims. *Id.* However, in this case, Plaintiffs have not filed a tort claim or a claim in which injunctive relief is available. *Id.* It was the court’s opinion that Plaintiffs failed to establish that there is no adequate remedy at law. *Id.* Given that Plaintiffs’ claims fail under the adequate remedy at law factor, the court’s analysis ended there. Therefore, the court denied Plaintiffs’ preliminary injunction.

Highway Commissioner’s Beat

By Arnold Vegter

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



AS I SIT DOWN TO WRITE this month’s article, I have just gotten back from the TOI 115th Annual Educational Conference. What a great event it was, and to be back in person after two years off because of the pandemic! We had over 600 attendees and 65 of them were Highway Commissioners. As there is at every conference, there was a lot to be learned, and even the seasoned veterans had plenty to learn. I have to give a big thank you to the Conference Committee, TOI Executive Director Jerry B. Crabtree, and the rest of the wonderful staff in the TOI office for the hard work that they put in to put on this wonderful conference!!! Also, I want to give a special Thank You to Pam Butler who by the time you read this will be retired after 42 years working at TOI!! She will be dearly missed by us Highway

Commissioners because of all that she has done for us over the years. THANK YOU VERY MUCH PAM!!!

On Sunday afternoon, the THCOI board of directors met and we had the chance to sit down and talk with George Tapas who is the Head Engineer of Local Roads for the State of Illinois, as well as Molly Rockford, the Executive Director for the County Engineers. We had some very good discussions, and we are going to work on better communication between IDOT, the County Engineers, and the Illinois Municipal League and us the Township Highway Commissioners. I, for one, am look forward to communicating better with them and also working together with them.

Happy Holidays!
Arnold Vegter



By Lynndah Easterwood Lahey

Director of Senior & Disability Services
Wheeling Township

Recognizing our “2022 Commitment to Senior Services” Award Winners

GREAT THINGS are happening for seniors in Townships all over Illinois, and ITASCSC is very pleased to recognize and congratulate the following six winners of our annual “Commitment to Senior Services Awards.” All by one of this year’s award winners were announced and presented with their awards during the recent TOI Educational Conference in Springfield.

We are grateful for our many nominees and winners. If you would like to nominate a program or person next year who you think epitomizes outstanding service to/for seniors in your Township, please consider joining ITASCSC. Membership is \$75, and our membership year runs from December 1–November 30. Check out the ITASCSC website at www.itascsc.net for more details. Currently there are 34 Townships throughout the state who choose to be part of ITASCSC—please join us!

they were ready to roll. The Township recognized that their older adults were needing more and more help in their homes and were struggling to find it. The program provides non-medical, in-home services like support of activities of daily living (bathing, grooming, dressing) and assistance with meal prep, laundry, housekeeping, companionship and errands. Capacity is currently 54 direct care hours, and they are serving 12 – 15 clients weekly. Clients are charged a subsidized hourly rate based on their level of need which is determined at the initial assessment. This outstanding program is making a direct impact on the lives of Hanover Township’s residents. *ITASCSC is very pleased to award Hanover Township with the Innovative Senior Program of the Year Award. Congratulations!*

Senior Director of The Year:

Laura Wassinger, Dorr Township

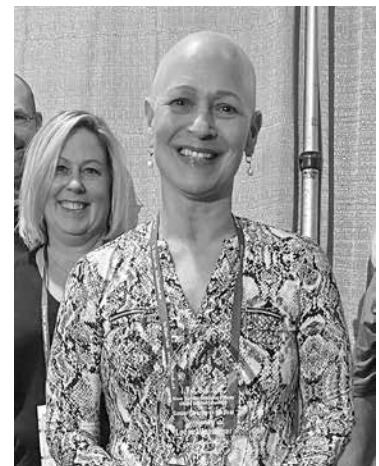
SOAR (“Serving Older Adult Residents”) at Dorr started in July 2021 as an intergovernmental agreement with the city of Woodstock. Shortly after that, Laura Wassinger was hired as the program’s director and has had an enormous impact on expanding Door Township’s Senior Program. Her energy and enthusiasm are evident to everyone she meets. From the start she made connections with local businesses and community leaders that lead to sponsorships, donations, and getting SOAR’s mission and message out to the public. Laura has been able to offer technology to people through the distribution of free tablets and training, started an advisory group, book club, walking group, conversation café, arts & crafts and much more. She



ITASCSC PRESIDENT Megan Conway (L) presenting the Innovative Senior Program of the Year award to Hanover Township Trustee Eugene Martinez at the TOI Conference

Innovative Senior Program of The Year: *Hanover Township’s “Home Care Services”*

ITASCSC chose to recognize this particular program due to its timeliness and for meeting a real need during the pandemic. Hanover Township began the process of creating this program in early 2021. Not surprisingly, there were many licensing, regulatory and funding issues to surmount, but by October 2021,



LAURA WASSINGER receiving her Senior Director of the Year Award at the TOI Conference

partnered with another local senior group to offer “a matter of balance” classes and had to start a waiting list due to its popularity. Not surprisingly, additional staff needed to be hired to assist with all these activities! SOAR @ Dorr wouldn’t be where they are today (just one year later!) without her. *ITASCSC is very pleased to award Laura Wassinger with the Senior Director of the Year Award. Congratulations!*

Elected Official of the Year:

Joe Burgess, Clerk of Washington Township

Joe Burgess has been serving as Clerk in Washington Township for 21 years. In those years, he has jumped into creating their social media presence including the development of their website and the Township newsletter, both of which have won awards at TOI. Other services Joe has added for Township residents include “early voting” for all elections and making temporary handicap placards available. He was also on the committee which initiated dial-a-ride transportation for Washington Township. Joe’s real passion, however, is



JOE BURGESS receiving his Elected Official of the Year Award at the TOI Conference

with helping and providing programs for the seniors of the Township. Since 2009, he’s been the driving force and architect of a multitude of senior programs and activities like movie nights, breakfast events, holiday dinners, flu shot clinics and even the *senior prom*. He works behind the scenes to coordinate programs, solicit donations, advertise them and then attend nearly every event. A small-town part-time Clerk, Joe consistently creates programs and services for the residents in the Township where he’s lived his entire life. *ITASCSC is very pleased to award Joe Burgess with the Elected Official of the Year Award. Congratulations!*

Township of the Year:

Rich Township

Serving the heart of Chicago’s south suburbs, Rich Township’s core mission is to always remain committed to providing quality and timely assistance to their residents, and *they do just that!* During the past year, they’ve hosted a series of new events, includ-



RICH TOWNSHIP Supervisor Calvin Jordan (L) and Trustee Therese Goodrich receiving the Township of the Year Award at the TOI Conference

ing an Open House to meet the Board, COVID-19 testing and vaccine clinics, community cleanup and shredding events, free car light repairs, Black History celebrations, Mark Luther King food drive, Christmas toy drive and collecting cases of water for the residents of Jackson, Mississippi. Additionally, ongoing services for seniors continue to include transportation, food pantry, resources and referrals, meals, yoga classes, in-home services, line dancing, and health and wellness programs, just to name a few. Township Administrator Trinette Britt says that the future of Rich Township is growth and inclusion, and under Supervisor Calvin Jordan’s leadership, one of their major accomplishments was to add an HR department and address staffing needs, as well as to provide education and training opportunities for employees. From administrative, building and grounds, road and bridge, to the Assessor and Clerk’s offices—everyone has played a significant role in ensuring that the Township delivers ALL of its services to residents with a spirit of excellence and stellar customer service. Increased community engagement and participation have led to more clearly identifying the needs and concerns of residents. **“We ask and then we serve”** is the motto best describing Rich Township. *ITASCSC is very pleased to honor Rich Township as its Township of the Year. Congratulations!*

Senior Staff Member of the Year:

Betty Erickson, RN

By devoting her life to the care and wellbeing of others, Betty Erickson leaves a lasting impression. A highly talented and caring nurse, she leads by example at the Fox Valley Community Services Center, overseeing the general health of the people attending two Adult Daycare Centers (ADS) in Sandwich and



SENIOR STAFF Member Award winner Betty Erickson

DeKalb, of which she serves as Director. Betty oversees their activities, nutrition and support, and many of them have very challenging needs. She is patient and makes each person feel special. With very desirable nursing skills, she could work anywhere, but her love for older adults and the FVCS allows her to make an impact in a significant way.

As Director of the Adult Day program, she demonstrates and shares her skills

in gerontology with staff and helps FVCS consistently rise above the level of professionalism required. She is the first to arrive in the morning and many times the last to leave at night. Her keen sense of professionalism and desire to strive to learn more is evident every day. Betty is part of the team, always creating community and building up the people around her. *ITASCSC is very pleased to award Betty Erickson with its Senior Staff Member of the Year Award. Congratulations!*

Senior Volunteer of the Year:

Patricia Koko, Oak Park & River Forest Townships

Patricia Koko exudes spirit, determination and love. When presented with her award at TOI, she



WEARING HER Township tiara, Patricia Koko received her Senior Volunteer of the Year Award at the TOI Conference

couldn't say enough wonderful things about Township government and how important it is! She was chosen as ITASCSC's 2022 honoree as a result of learning what an incredible long-term volunteer she has been. Nominated by members of Oak Park & River Forest Townships' Senior Services Committee, they wanted us to know that Pat's life-long commitment to senior services goes all the way back to the early 1970s, when the first senior services committee

began. She and the committee planned programs and services and secured all-important funding, laying the foundation for all of today's programs and services. Throughout the years, Pat has continued to raise awareness about Township services and was a founding leader of the Celebrating Seniors Coalition. She is always the first to offer assistance, whether as a committee member or to provide hands-on help for fundraisers and information booths. There is no match for Pat's energy, enthusiasm, commitment and institutional knowledge. Thank you, Pat, for all you have done—and continue to do—for our community's older adults! *ITASCSC is very pleased to award Patricia Koko with the Senior Volunteer of the Year Award.*

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By Tina Houdek

President, AITCOY

A Message from the President

I HOPE ALL OF YOU ENJOYED the Thanksgiving Holiday and found time to spend it with family and friends. For those of you who were able to join us this year in person at the Annual Education Conference it was good to see all of you at our booth. It was great to be able to be in person again. At our Annual Meeting on November 14, 2022 our leadership for 2023 was elected. It is my pleasure to continue to serve as President of AITCOY. Sara Marx, LCPC of Ela Township will serve as Vice-President. Richard Lyon, LCPC of Maine Township will serve as Treasurer and Allison Kowieski, LCPC of Wayne/Winfield Township will serve as Secretary. I look forward to the continued work with our leadership team in meeting our mission.

I would like to thank our presenter at the Annual Education Conference, Laura Donovan, Professor, the Graduate School of Social Work at Aurora University. She did a great job educating us on the impact of substance use and mental health for our youth during the pandemic and ways to address this and improve outcomes for our youth. AITCOY is looking forward to another year of bringing relevant information to our members and communities as we develop our workshops and programs for 2023.

Wishing all of you a warm and peaceful Holiday Season.

Tina Houdek

Did you know?

Did you know ... Winter break and holidays can be challenging for youth. This can be especially stressful due to change in routine and unpredictable schedules. Usually, kids' behavior reflects skills they lack and they may need extra prompting and coaching.

Things to consider during your holiday time with family:

- Before a trip or big events, ask your youth how they are feeling about it? Ask if they feel comfortable and know what to expect. Assure them that you will help explain what will be happening and what to expect.
- Keep your child fed, especially with protein snacks; hunger is a huge trigger.
- Make sure they are getting enough sleep/rest; fatigue is another huge trigger.
- Make a schedule for the week that they can see with activities and times. Routine and predictability are your friend; if you can set expectations frequently, before events, etc.
- Create a plan with them if they are feeling overwhelmed or need a break. Praise the kid if they successfully use the plan.
- Just because you have said something once, do not assume your youth will apply it to other situations.
- Less is more when communicating with challenging kids. They often get overwhelmed easily and can only process so much information at a time.
- Use as much empathy as possible.
- If you think your child may not understand social cues, gently give direct feedback in the moment.
- Try not to label the youth as "bad" or compare them to other kids. If they truly do not understand or get something, it's not their fault. Use empathy to help understand what they struggle with.
- Remember: Try to remain calm and take care of yourself when stress flares. You can only take things one moment at a time.

— Submitted by Ela Township

News From Cook County

By Calvin Jordan

Rich Township Supervisor



RICH TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR Calvin Jordan recently led other southland officials in welcoming Illinois Governor JB Pritzker to Rich Township for a lunch held at Hidden Manor Café in Matteson.

“Every time we have called upon the Governor to visit Rich Township, he has made good on our request. I’m grateful that I have established a B-line directly to his office. Our relationship has been productive and effective. He has a keen sense of our growth, accomplishments, and our needs throughout Rich Township.”

Matteson Village President Sheila Chalmers-Curins adds, “Upon Supervisor Jordan being sworn into office, Governor Pritzker immediately contacted him and began outlining projects in which the state of Illinois could embrace and engage. His visits have been beneficial and somewhat groundbreaking for Rich

Township. I truly appreciate their great working relationship and friendship.

“The Governor has been great in his support of my initiatives in Springfield. He understands the complexity of my district and the challenges that often occur. I am even more impressed that he has adopted the southland spirit of inclusion and no exclusion as it relates to minority participation throughout Rich Township. The bond that he and Supervisor Jordan shares is second to none,” says Illinois State Representative Debbie Meyers-Martin.



News From Around the State



DEKALB TOWNSHIP Road District (Hwy Comm Craig Smith) hosted an IDOT flagger training on Nov 2, 2022. The 51 attendees included employees from DeKalb Township Road District, DeKalb County Highway Department, Flagg Township Road District, Belvidere Township, City of DeKalb, City of Belvidere, Boone County, and one from as far away as the Town of Normal. This valuable training presented by Stephanie Stoverink of IDOT reviewed flagger safety, signage, education, and signaling to keep both drivers and road crews safe while participating in road work.





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FOR SALE

The Sterling Township Highway Department will be accepting sealed bids on a 2004 John Deere 544J end loader. The minimum starting bid is \$55,000.00.

The loader has 3,045 hours and 4,040 miles with a 3 cubic yard bucket.

New rims and tires were recently installed on the loader less than two months ago (Approx. \$10,000 investment). The flex load controller, sealed switch module and a new custom-made powder coated battery box were both replaced approximately one year ago.

The loader will be sold on "AS IS" condition with no warranty or guarantee of equipment condition or performance. All sales are final.

The terms of this sale is by check only once the highest bidder is determined. The high bidder will be responsible for transportation of the loader from our facility.

All bids must be received by 4:00 p.m. on December 23, 2022. The sealed bids will be opened at the office of the Sterling Township Supervisor during the December 28, 2022 Board of Trustees meeting.

The loader is available to inspected and operated by appointment only at the Sterling Township Highway Department by calling 815-625-2785 or 815-441-4737, or by emailing kglazier@sterlingtownship.com. The loader is located at 1807 Griswold Avenue, Sterling, IL 61081.



The sealed bids shall be delivered or mailed to:
Sterling Township Highway Department
Attn: Kurt Glazier, Highway Commissioner
1807 Griswold Avenue
Sterling, IL 61081

Pictures are available via email upon request.

The Sterling Township Highway Department reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive irregularities therein.

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FOR SALE



2009 Business Class M2 Tandem
15 foot Painted steel box.
Eaton Fuller RTO 8LL manual transmission
18,000 lb. front axle
Mercedes-Benz 12.8L 410 HP
244,536.2 miles
Minimum bid of \$25,000.00

All bids must be sent in by January 9th 2023 by
7:00 p.m. to

Point Pleasant Township
306 30th Street Roseville IL 61473

For more information or to set up an appointment
to view the equipment call

Dan Huston Hwy Commissioner 1-309-774-
4113

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any and all bids.

FOR SALE



1972 Finn Straw Blower with water attachment.
4 cyl. Wisconsin runs great. Surplus status
unnecessary for the blower. Minutes are attached
for surplus status of truck. Minimum price on blower
is \$1600.

Contact Eric Hamerlink
Road Commissioner
309-781-9392

FOR SALE



1999 International 4800 DT. 91689 miles. Belly
blade. New crate engine and transmission with
40000 miles. All wheel drive. 12 ft. Wausau plow.
Plow not in good condition.

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Road Commissioner
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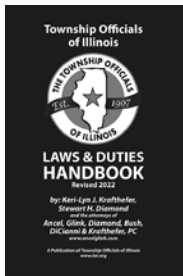
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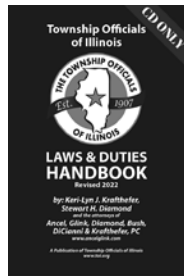
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Wausau Snow Plow 2017 – lightly used
Model: HSP4811H
Serial #: HSP1171-4554111-2
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Sam Carter –
King Road Commissioner 217-827-0419
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King Supervisor 217-414-3114

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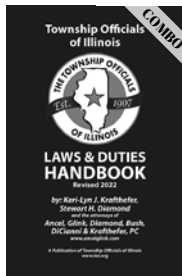
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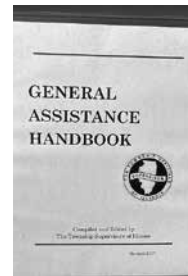
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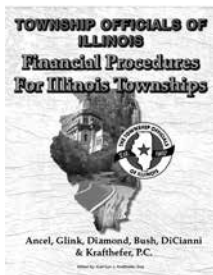
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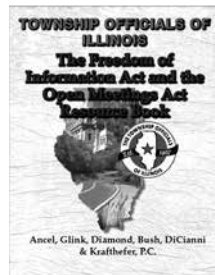
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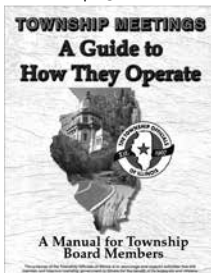
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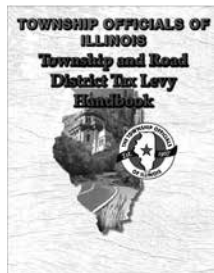
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Hanover Township Clerk
250 S. State Route 59
Bartlett, IL 60103

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Questions? Call Clerk Katy at (312) 215-5577 or e-mail her at kdolanbaumer@hanover-township.org

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County: _____

Clerk's Name: _____

Best Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____

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Township and Road District Checklist

2023 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.

01/30/23	Assessors Budget*		
01/31/23	1099, W-2 and W-3 forms deadline		
02/01/23	Economic Interest Statement Names to County Clerk		On or before Feb. 1, the supervisor or designee must certify to the county clerk an alphabetical list of names/addresses of people who must file Economic Interest Statements.
03/01/23	Last day to Request Agenda Item	60 ILCS 1/30-10	Last day for any 15 or more registered voters in the township to request an agenda item for consideration by the electors at the annual meeting by giving written notice of a specific request to the township clerk.
03/27/23	Annual Town Meeting Agenda	60 ILCS 1/30-10	Not less than 15 days before the annual meeting, the township board shall adopt an agenda for the annual meeting. Agenda must include any elector items properly submitted by March 1 st prior to the annual meeting. Agenda must be included in the meeting notice that is approved by the township board.
03/27/23	Annual Township Meeting Notice	60 ILCS 1/30-10	Clerk must post notice of annual town meeting in 3 most public places at least 15 days before meeting. If an English language newspaper is published in township, then notice must also be published in the newspaper. Notice must include agenda approved by the township board. Meeting must be after 6:00 p.m.
03/31/23	Fiscal Year Ends*	50 ILCS 330/3	Last day of fiscal year for most townships, road districts, and multi-township assessment districts. However, board of trustees may change fiscal year.
04/01/23	Fiscal Year Starts*	50 ILCS 330/3	1st day of fiscal year for most townships, road districts, and MTADs. However, board can change the fiscal year.
04/01/23	Notice of Meetings (Open Meetings Act)	5 ILCS 120/2.02	Board must post public notice of its schedule of regular meetings at the beginning of the fiscal year or calendar year. The notice shall state the regular dates, times, and places. Make schedule available to any news outlet that has filed an annual request for such notice.
04/01/23	Monthly Report to County Engineer	605 IL CS 5/6-201.13	Within 30 thirty days after issuing warrants the highway commissioner reports to the county engineer a list of such warrants showing where money is spent, for what purpose, and the amount expended. Report is due each month.
04/09/23	Financial Statement	60 ILCS 1/70-15	Clerk posts a copy of the Supervisor's Annual Financial Statement at the meeting room two days before annual town meeting. The clerk no longer has to read the statement aloud as long as copies are made available.
04/09/23	Financial Statement	60 ILCS 1/70-15	Supervisor files Annual Financial Statement with the clerk. Although the law states that the statement shall be prepared within 30 days before the annual town meeting, it must be completed to enable the clerk to post it 2 days before the annual town meeting. Statement is not required to be published in a newspaper.
04/10/23	Highway Commissioners Report	605 ILCS 5/6-201.15	Highway commissioner in single township road district must prepare an annual report to the board of trustees within 30 days before the annual town meeting. Report is not required to be published in a newspaper.
04/10/23	Annual Accounting	60 ILCS 1/70-30	Supervisor accounts to board for all money received and disbursed during fiscal year. Accounting must be within 30 days before the annual town meeting.

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04/11/23	Annual Town Meeting	60 ILCS 1/30-5	The Annual Town Meeting shall be held on the second Tuesday of April. Meeting must be after 6:00 p.m. Whenever this date conflicts with the celebration of Passover or Ramadan, the township board may postpone the annual town meeting to the first Tuesday following the last day of Passover or Ramadan.
04/30/23	District Treasurer's Report*	605 ILCS 5/6-205	Last day for road district treasurer to submit an itemized statement of receipts and disbursements to highway commissioner. Statement must be submitted within 30 days from end of the fiscal year. Statement is not required to be published in a newspaper.
05/01/23	Statement of Economic Interest	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.
05/30/23	Budget Notice*	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.
05/30/23	Budget Inspection*	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.
06/30/23	Budget Hearing & Adoption*	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. (Do not adopt at the annual town meeting.) The township budget may be adopted at the public hearing. The road district budget shall be adopted at the public hearing.
07/31/23	Budget Filing*	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.
09/27/23	Fiscal Responsibility Report Card*	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.
09/27/23	Comptroller's Report*	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.
09/30/23	Annual Treasurer's Report Completed*	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.
09/30/23	Annual Treasurer's Report Published*	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. 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.

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09/30/23	Audit	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. CPA audit required at end of supervisor's term or if vacancy occurs anytime in the position of supervisor.
09/30/23	Audit	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.
12/06/23	Last Day to Determine Tax Levy for Truth in Taxation	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.
12/19/23	Last Day for Truth in Taxation Notice	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.
12/26/23	Last Day to Hold Truth in Taxation Hearing, Adopt & File Tax Levies	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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In Memoriam

Gary Anderson, 81, of LaMoille died October 14. He was a former Supervisor and Highway Commissioner of Clarion Township (Bureau Co.).

Frank Ciota, 91, of Riverton died October 25. He was a former Assessor of Clear Lake Township (Sangamon Co.).

Susan DeBlock, 76, of Viola died November 3. She was currently serving as Trustee of Green Township (Mercer Co.).

Donald Hamilton, 63, of Ava died October 7. He was a former Highway Commissioner of Degognia Township (Jackson Co.).

Donald Middleton, 85, of Centralia died October 26. He was a former Township Clerk of Centralia Township (Marion Co.).

Linus Nosbisch, 60, of Teutopolis died October 10. He was currently serving as Trustee of St. Francis Township (Effingham Co.).

Gary Oxley, 91, of Palmyra died October 12. He was a former Trustee of North Palmyra Township (Macoupin Co.).

Michael Palmer, 74, of Sherrard died November 1. He was a former Trustee of Richland Grove Township (Mercer Co.).

Dale Reische, 65, of Hersmann

died October 23. He was currently serving as Supervisor of Mt. Sterling Township (Brown Co.).

Kevin Sipp, 51, of Hanna City died October 24. He was currently serving as Highway Commissioner of Logan Township (Peoria Co.).

Charles Todd, 75, of Millstadt died October 16. He was currently serving as Trustee of Millstadt Township (St. Clair Co.).

Edwin Zuber, 87, of Olney died November 2. He was a former Supervisor of Olney Township (Richland Co.).



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Upcoming Events

Education District Events

June 8 - Bloomington-Normal

July 26 - Rockford

August 16 - Mt. Vernon

September 14 - Southern IL

Lunch and Learn Webinar

January 11

July 19

February 15

August 10

March 15

September 13

April 13

October 11

May 17

Q&A Days

January 13

June 9

February 24

July 21

March 17

August 11

April 11

September 8

May 12

NEW Hybrid Events

Blending in person instruction with the ability to participate virtually via Zoom

January 18

February 17

April 18

Professional Development Days

January 27

June 22

August 24

The 116th Annual Educational Conference

November 12, 13, 14, 2023



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