

**RAYMOND TOWNSHIP REPORT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH DECENNIAL COMMITTEES ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY ACT**

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CHAMPAIGN COUNTY CLERK

**I. Unit of government submitting this report:**

NAME OF TOWNSHIP: **RAYMOND TOWNSHIP**

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

**II. Information about our Township**

- A. We are in Champaign County. There are 29 townships in our county.
- B. The population of our Township is 354, as of the 2020 census.
- C. We have one part-time road district employee.
- D. Our annual budget for 2023 was: ROAD DISTRICT - \$132,500.00  
TOWNSHIP - \$86,408.00
- E. Our Township's equalized assessed valuation for 2023 was \$ 23,293,762

**III. Information about Our Committee**

A. Committee Members:

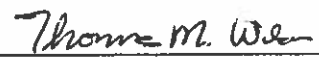
  
Township Supervisor **Randy L Wells**

  
Township Highway Commissioner **William H Lewis**

  
Township Trustee: **David Bosch**

  
Township Trustee: **Randall Frick**

  
Township Trustee: **Robert Mitsdarfer**

  
Township Trustee: **Thomas M Wilson**

Traci Bosch  
Township Resident (Supervisor Appointment) **Traci Bosch**

Deanne Rothermel  
Township Resident (Supervisor Appointment) **Deanne Rothermel**

Dennis Riggs  
Township Resident (Highway Comm. Appointment) **Dennis Riggs**

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

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

First (Organizational) Meeting  
(Must occur prior to June 10, 2023): **June 6, 2023**

Second Meeting: **August 13, 2024**

Third Meeting: **September 10, 2024**

Additional Meetings (List All): **N/A**

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

**IV. Programs Offered by RAYMOND Township.**

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

**DUMPSTER DAY**

Hosted in Longview allowing drop off of trash, metal, & electronics

**COMPLIMENTARY USE OF MEETING SPACE**

Open to all residents by reservation with refundable \$40 deposit

**HERITAGE POST PROM DONATION**

Annual \$400 donation to offset costs for high school post prom

**GENERAL ASSISTANCE**

B. Other services/programs we could possibly provide:

Launched Township Website

Online promotion of General Assistance Program

Online promotion of Heating/Cooling Centers

There are many things we could do via website to promote services & improve transparency

**V. Social Service Agreements**

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

**Entity:**

**Services Provided:**

1. **CRIS Healthy Aging – Champaign County**

4116 Fieldstone Road

Champaign, IL 61822

Monday – Friday 8:00AM to 4:00PM

(217) 355-1543

[CRIS-info@CRISHealthyAging.org](mailto:CRIS-info@CRISHealthyAging.org)

2. **Agreement to accept Raymond Township Residents referrals**

3. **Ayers-Raymond-South Homer Multi-township Assessment District (required merger)**

4.

5.

B. Our residents have benefitted from these agreements in the following ways: N/A

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

**VI. Awards and Recognitions**

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

**VII. Intergovernmental Agreements**

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

Entity: Village of Longview

Services Offered:

Use of Raymond Town Hall for meetings & residents

Provide an office to the Village of Longview

Also installed a drop box for village residents water payments

Entity: Ayers, Raymond, South Homer Multi-Township Assessment District

Services Offered:

Consolidation of three rural townships districts to improve efficiency

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

Minimal savings as a new board was created & offset Assessor any salary savings (Required, not optional)

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

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

- ✓ State laws applicable to Townships, including, but not limited to the Township Code (60 ILCS)
- ✓ Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120)
- ✓ Policy on public comment
- ✓ Designation of OMA officer (5 ILCS 120/1.05(a))
- ✓ All of Elected Officials have completed OMA Training (5 ILCS 120/1.05(b))
- ✓ Schedule of All Township Regular Meetings for Calendar or Fiscal Year (5 LCS 120/2.03)
- ✓ Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140)

- ✓ Designation of FOIA officer (5 ILCS 140/3.5(a))
- ✓ FOIA Officer Training (5 ILCS 140/3.5(b))
- ✓ Computation and Retention of FOIA Requests (5 ILCS 140/3.5(a))
- ✓ Posting Other Required FOIA Information (5 ILCS 140/4(a); 5 ILCS 140/4(b))
- ✓ List of Types or Categories of FOIA Records under Township's Control (5 ILCS 140/5)
- ✓ Periodic Meetings to Review Closed Meeting Minutes (5 ILCS 120/2.06(d))
- ✓ IMRF Total Compensation Postings (5 ILCS 120/7.3)
- ✓ Designation of Whistleblower Auditing Official (50 ILCS 105/4.1)
- ✓ All of our Elected Officials have filed statement of economic interests (5 ILCS 420/4A-101; 5 ILCS 420/4A-101.5)
- ✓ Sexual harassment prevention training (775 ILCS 5/2-109(c))
- ✓ Our Intergovernmental Agreements
- ✓ Our Social Service Agreements or Contracts
- ✓ Our budget and financial documents
- ✓ State Ethics Laws, including, but not limited to the State Officials and Employees Ethics Act (5 ILCS 430/1-1)
- ✓ Our budget and financial documents
- ✓ Reports on government efficiency, including "Local Government Efficiency and Size in Illinois: Counting Tax Revenues, Not Governments" by Wendell Cox (2016); "Local Democracy and Townships in the Chicagoland Area," by Wendell Cox, (January 2012).
- ✓ Others (List Below or Attach):

**IX. What Have We Done Well?**

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

Raymond Township consistently maintains expenses to meet Township needs while keeping property taxes as low as possible. Generator installed to provide heating/cooling station, if/when needed and responds promptly to all FOIA Requests as well as GA inquiries from Township Residents

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

Transparency  
Website has been launched & plan to keep township residents up to date on township business & services

**XI. What Can We Do Better or More Efficiently?**

Communication with the township residents is a primary focus  
Update website with all required information  
Provide information/eligibility of General Assistance Program  
Improve budgeting process & regular review of variances

**XII. Studies on Governmental Efficiencies**

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

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

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

- Continue to development and maintenance of website
- Investigate social services available to township residents
- Investigate grants made available to the township & its residents

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Submitted by: **Raymond Township Supervisor Randy L Wells**  
Chairman, Decennial Efficiency Committee of Raymond Township

Date: **September 10, 2024**

**XIV. Programs Offered by RAYMOND ROAD DISTRICT**

Generator installed at Township Garage to ensure easy access to equipment in the event of power loss

Can also use this space as a warming station in emergencies

A. Other services/programs we could possibly provide:

**XV. Social Service Agreements**

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

**Entity:** N/A

**Services Provided:** N/A

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- 2.
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Services Offered: Snow plowing Village Roads  
Equipment Sharing Agreement



Entity: Sidney Township  
Services Offered: Road maintenance & repair

Entity: Broadlands-Longview Fire Protection District  
Services Offered: Aid in emergency situations to reach residents (ie, snowplow for Ambulance/Fire Trucks, etc)

Entity: Broadlands- Longview Fire Protection District  
Services Offered: Access to fuel at Raymond Road District Building

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

Commissioner has worked with and supported neighboring townships by sharing equipment & labor. All township trucks are re-fueled by benefiting Township.

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Installed all LED lighting inside & outside at Road District Shed/Garage,  
In addition to meeting the roadway needs of our constituents

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

Need to increase visibility & communication of road projects/repairs

**What Can We Do Better or More Efficiently?**

Identify ways to improve communication  
Improve budgeting process & regular review of variances

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Date: 09/10/2024

