

**Minutes of a Compliance with Decennial Local Government Efficiency Act for Downers Grove
Township
4341 Saratoga Ave, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515
October 19, 2023 7:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

Supervisor Coultrap called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Coultrap invited everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Introduction by Supervisor Coultrap and Update

Supervisor Coultrap stated that on June 10, 2022, Governor Pritzker signed the Decennial Committee on Local Government Efficiency Act (50 ILCS 70). This new law required Illinois Townships, Road Districts and Multi-Assessment Districts and all taxing bodies (except counties and municipalities) to convene a committee to study and report on local government efficiency. Required taxing districts are mandated to hold their first meeting no later than June 10, 2023.

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6. Public Comment

Public Comment can be viewed at: dgtownship.com/transparency

7. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Committee, Supervisor Coultrap called for a Motion to Adjourn. Trustee Ferguson made a Motion to Adjourn. The Motion was seconded by Trustee Ricordati. The Motion was carried by voice vote. The Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lorraine Grimsby, Township Clerk

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Township Road District
4341 Saratoga Ave, Downers Grove, Illinois 60515
October 19, 2023 7:05 PM**

1. Call to Order

Supervisor Coultrap called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Supervisor Coultrap invited everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Highway Commissioner Update

The Township was Founded in 1832. Downers Grove Township is the largest township in DuPage County. When the County was formed, it was divided into 9 townships. Each township was

divided into a 6 mile by 6 mile area except Downers Grove which was divided into a 6 mile by 9 mile area.

This was due to the fact that the top half of Lemont Township could not be reached by the bottom half. The canal divided the Township and at that time there were no bridges for people to cross. A decision was made, and Downers Grove was given the top half of Lemont Township.

The Highway Department is comprised of the following:

- The Highway Commissioner
- His Administrative Assistant
- His Forman
- 8 Highway Maintainers
- A part time Administrative Assistant
- And up to 3 summer help employees

The full time Highway Maintainers are all members of the Operating Engineers Union local 150.

We maintain 65 miles of unincorporated roads and are responsible for the upkeep of the roads and right of ways.

While we try to do most of our work in-house, we do hire out some of our work because it is more cost effective to do so

These are the services for which we go out to bid:

Paving, Concrete curb and sidewalk installation/repair, Crack filling and Gradall work.

Services we use under the States mandated \$20,000 bid level are:

- Tree removal
- Street sweeping twice a year
- Road striping

Equipment purchases:

We usually purchase our equipment using the following programs:

- The Illinois State bid program
- The Source well program
- The Co-op of County Commissioners.

These programs are all bid competitively and on average save us between 13 and 18% off the purchase price of the equipment.

Intergovernmental Agreements:

- IGAs are signed for services or products purchased between government agencies to help keep costs low and save our residents money

We sign IGAs with DuPage County for the following:

- Motor Fuel Tax monies used for paving,
- Salt purchases,
- Grant Money for special projects
- Storm water testing required by the EPA

The Alliance:

We have an IGA with the other 8 townships in DuPage County to share manpower, operators and equipment, as well as sharing much needed help during emergencies. This is through our Township Alliance signed by the 9 Townships in 2021.

Other IGAs:

We also have IGAs with the Village of Burr Ridge for a sound producing device which is activated at the railroad crossing on Madison St and 97th St. This eliminates the noise pollution that freight trains cause at that crossing by using a less offensive sound and light signal to warn motorists of oncoming trains.

Other services offered to the Townships from the County to help keep costs lower are:

- Storm water basin vectoring and televising
- Making signs for us at a reduced cost
- And helping us to dispose of expired animals in a safe and sanitary manner.

Services The Highway Department offers our residents:

Besides the multitude of jobs we provide on a daily basis, we offer our unincorporated residents brush pickup in spring and fall, Christmas tree pick up in January and free chip delivery to residents who request chips.

These are just a few of the ways the Highway Department works to keep our costs low and operate at maximum efficiency.

4. Public Comment and Survey of Residents

Public Comment can be viewed at: dgtownship.com/transparency

5. Motion to Adjourn

There being no further business to come before this Committee, Supervisor Coultrap called for a Motion to Adjourn. Trustee Ferguson made a Motion to Adjourn. The Motion was seconded by Trustee Ricordati. The Motion was carried by voice vote. The Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lorraine Grimsby, Township Clerk