

# HEBRON TOWNSHIP

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## Decennial Committees on Local Government Efficiency Act Joint Report

Hebron Township includes the town of Hebron and the rest of its boundaries are located in unincorporated McHenry County, Illinois. Our population is 2,327 according to the 2020 Census.

We are responsible for the maintenance of 77 miles of roads.

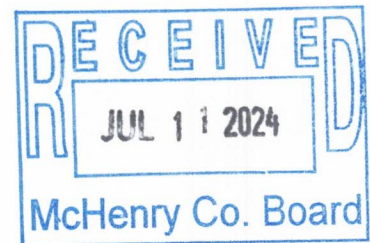
Our staff consists of two part-time employees in the Assessor's office and three part-time employees in the Road Department.

Our 2023/2024 Annual Budget is:

• Town - \$251,420.	Levy \$159,910.
• General Assistance \$24,300	Levy \$4,418.
• Road & Bridge \$273,085	Levy \$81,208.
• Hard Road \$163,815	Levy \$130,282.
• Equipment & Building \$34,926	Levy \$33,509.
• Cemetery \$33,580	Levy \$121.
<b><u>Total Budget \$781,126</u></b>	

Our Committee consists of the following:

- Township Supervisor Nancy Lech
- Township Highway Commissioner Zeke Nickels
- Township Trustee Sue Reed
- Township Trustee Becky Werra
- Township Trustee Mike Von Bergen
- Township Trustee Sammie Mayerck
- Township Resident (Supervisor Appointment) Karen Lalor
- Township Resident (Supervisor Appointment) Jen Nickels
- Township Resident Trish Elswick
- Township Resident Shannon Combs
- Township Resident (Highway Commissioner Appointment) Kurt Simoncic



### Committee Meetings

First Meeting 5/10/23

Second Meeting 12/13/23

Third Meeting 3/13/24

Our Township offers the following services and programs:

- General Assistance
- Emergency Assistance
- Assistance with application of Illinois Department of Human Services program, Benefit Access, License Plate Stickers, NICOR Sharing programs.
- Community Room available for Community groups.
- Food Pantry is housed in our building but administered by another group.

We have Intergovernmental Agreements with neighboring Townships, Richmond and Greenwood, and the Village of Hebron. In the past, we have worked with Nunda & McHenry Townships and McHenry County Department of Transportation on certain projects. We work together on larger projects and share employees and equipment. These IGAs make us efficient as we have part-time employees with lower wages and no benefits but have the workers and equipment needed for the larger jobs or when emergencies arise.

We have an Intergovernmental Agreement with the McHenry County Conservation District for a trail head parking lot on our property for 50 years. MCCD installed the parking lot at no cost to the township.

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.

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

X - Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120)

X - Policy on public comment

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

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

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

X - Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140)

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

X - FOIA Officer Training (5 ILCS 140/3.5(b))

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

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

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

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

N/A - IMRF Total Compensation Postings (5 ILCS 120/7.3)

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

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

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

X - Our Intergovernmental Agreements

N/A - Our Social Service Agreements or Contracts

X - Our budget and financial documents

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

X - Our budget and financial documents

X - 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).

**Things we have done well:**

- Created a website
- Provided a safe place to house our Community Food Pantry
- Applied for a DECO grant and was awarded \$150,000 to rebuild a mile of road.
- Applied for and received funds from McDOT's bridge assistance program for VandarKarr Road Bridge and abutments. Completed project with 4 IGA's with Greenwood, Nunda, McHenry, and McDOT agencies.
- Worked with McDOT and the Bridge Assistance program for Thayer Road bridge emergency repairs.
- Applied for FEMA disaster assistance and was awarded it.
- Assisted McHenry County Sheriff's Office with road closure, signs, & barricades due to bad accident.
- Received a soil stabilization demo. The ground up over 3,000 feet, stabilized it, and reshaped and seal coated at no cost to the township.
- Received numerous donations from local businesses, gravel pits, and farmers to help fund road projects.
- Implemented 2 railroad crossing projects with the Railroad Company. Both of these crossings were extremely dangerous

- Fiscally Responsible – continue to pay down our building mortgage. Refinanced when rates were low to save interest charges.
- Digitalizing Cemetery records. Cemetery database has links to Find-a-Grave website for additional information on Deceased.
- Provided a Community Room for Community Groups to have their meetings.
- We were the recipients of two Eagle Scout projects which resulted in a flagpole outside our building and a building sign.
- Community Events - sponsored a bike decorating station for residents for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.
- Partnered with recycling company to have textile recycling bin location in order to recycle items instead of them filling the landfills. We receive money from this.
- Installed LED lighting at our facility.
- Installed Generator so our facility could potentially be an Emergency Shelter site.

We will continue to find ways to be more efficient. We will continue to look for grant opportunities. We will try to focus on additional community involvement.

Submitted by: Nancy Lech  
Chairman, Decennial Efficiency Committee of Hebron Township

Date: 3/12/24