



**Annual Town Meeting April 12, 2022 6:00 p.m.  
Township Office: 800 Central Avenue Highland Park, Illinois  
60035**

**SUPERVISOR STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS  
April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022**

For the fiscal year ended March 31, 2022, Moraine Township's Levy of \$1,315,000 reflected a reduction of 2.6% from the prior year levy to provide relief to taxpayers during difficult times. Moraine Township's levy passed in the fall of 2021, which will be collected during fiscal year 2022, was frozen at the reduced level. Reductions from the levy for property tax appeals and corrections of \$9,166 resulted in total tax distributed to the Township of \$1,305,834 during the fiscal year.

The Township maintains bank accounts for Town Fund, General Assistance Fund, and Community Chest. UNAUDITED ending bank balances as of March 31, 2022 are as follows:

Town Fund	\$1,421,858
General Assistance Fund	\$238,577
Community Chest	\$308,270
Balances are <u>UNAUDITED</u> ; the audit will begin in May, 2022.	

State law permits funds to be transferred from the Town Fund to the General Assistance Fund; during the fiscal year, Town Fund transferred \$100,000 to the General Assistance Fund.

Moraine Township has no long-term or short-term debt.

**HIGHLIGHTS OF TOWNSHIP ACTIVITY DURING THE YEAR:**

- Thanks to an amazing community for stepping up to help provide a safety net for residents struggling through another challenging year. Our generous community ensured that our pantry was able to offer fresh produce, dairy, and meat. The Pantry converted from drive-through to shopping in July, 2021. From January through March 2022, to protect clients from the Omicron surge, the Pantry delivered food to 78 senior households bi-weekly to keep them safe and relieve some of the traffic in the pantry to protect clients and volunteers.

- Staff and volunteers helped the Township deliver almost 21,000 unduplicated services during the 12-month period, including processing 108 applications for emergency rent and other assistance, and disbursing over \$300,000; food pantry visits exceeded 10,000.
- Moraine Township applied for and received \$450,000 in grants from the Federal Emergency Rent Assistance (FERA) program to help residents stay in their homes when COVID affected their income or resources due to job loss or health issues.
- Throughout the pandemic, Moraine Township provided door-to-door transportation to ensure that seniors and disabled residents continued to access critical health care.
- Community contributions also funded almost \$95,000 of emergency rent and other assistance to help residents during the pandemic.
- Moraine Township Charitable Fund, Inc. was the beneficiary of an estate that provided a \$130,000 donation to the Township's 501 (c ) (3).
- A big shout out to Moraine Township's army of volunteers and dedicated staff who made it possible for the Township to provide a safety net for residents without resources to navigate the pandemic. Volunteers make it possible for the Township to offer expanded services. They worked through the pandemic packing bags, loading cars and delivered food. In our re-opened pantry, volunteers work weekly stocking shelves, assisting clients, and cleaning up. Volunteers hosted food drives to keep shelves stocked, greeted Sunset shoppers for the annual food drive, help residents sign up for health insurance, prepare free income tax returns for low-income taxpayers, provide clerical help and so many other efforts that make life a little easier for residents needing additional resources.

While the pandemic has been an inconvenience for most of us, it was a health and economic crisis for many of our neighbors, and the Township provided a safety net for residents to weather this unprecedented challenge.

Respectfully submitted,

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