

Annual Town Meeting April 18, 2023 6:00 p.m. Township Office: 800 Central Avenue Highland Park, Illinois SUPERVISOR STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023

After reducing the levy in November 2021 to help taxpayers during difficult times, Moraine Township's 2022 Levy reflected an increase of \$5,000 for the General Assistance Fund to capture new construction added to the tax rolls, but froze the levy for existing taxpayers. These taxes will be collected in 2023 and reflected in revenue for fiscal year April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024.

Tax revenues received during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2023 of \$1,315,800.97 reflects a decrease of \$4,199.03 from the levy passed for adjustments and successful taxpayer appeals.

The Township maintains bank accounts for Town Fund, General Assistance Fund, and Community Chest. UNAUDITED ending bank balances as of March 31, 2023 are as follows:

Town Fund \$1,626,038.35 General Assistance Fund \$ 175,524.34 Community Chest (501c3) \$ 268,488.01

Balances are **UNAUDITED**; the audit will begin in May, 2023.

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:

- ➤ Staff and volunteers helped the Township deliver over 18,000 resident services and responses during the 12-months April 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023, including processing 92 applications for emergency rent and other assistance; there were almost 8,000 food pantry resident visits during the 12-month period.
- ➤ Other emergency assistance provided by the Township during the fiscal year included direct rent, utility, medical and other assistance, plus help for residents to access services from other governmental units and agencies.

- Moraine Township lent its Caseworker, Lupe Somerville, to the Resource Center to help residents and parade visitors get counseling and other assistance after the Highland Park shooting.
- Moraine Township Caseworker, Lupe Somerville, was named Illinois Caseworker of the Year by Townships of Illinois.
- To help keep seniors safe, the Township provided summer utility assistance to seniors who do not live in buildings with a cooling center.
- Thanks to a generous community for helping the Food Pantry offer fresh produce, dairy, and meat. To help keep residents safe, the Food Pantry delivers food bi-weekly to shut-in residents year-round, and to residents who walk to the Township during winter months.
- A big shout out to Moraine Township's army of volunteers. Volunteers make it possible for the Township to offer expanded services. Volunteers work weekly stocking shelves, assisting clients, and cleaning up. Volunteers host food drives to keep shelves stocked, greet 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.

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