

# NUNDA TOWNSHIP

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## FROM THE SUPERVISOR

Public Act 101-230 In 2019, the Illinois General Assembly passed a bill which was subsequently signed into law by Governor J.B. Pritzker that allows the question of township dissolution only in McHenry County to be put up for vote as a binding referendum. This question can be placed on the ballot by a petition of a group of the residents or by a township board. If a majority of voters approve the dissolution at the referendum, the township and road district are dissolved. The dissolution of a township would move the township's services, including road district services, under the umbrella of McHenry County. Additionally, the tax levy for those services would be lowered by 10% for one year but then could be increased in subsequent years like other property taxes. McHenry County could also allow the local cities and villages to bid on taking the township's roads and the municipalities would then receive the property tax.

This law does not specify:

- The procedures by which this will occur
- What services will be maintained or eliminated
- The timeframe for this to occur (other than not less than 90 days after the election)

In 2018, the General Assembly passed House Bill 4637 which was very similar to Public Act 201-230. This bill was vetoed by former Governor Bruce Rauner because it only applied to McHenry County and would not apply to all townships statewide. In fact, 21 of our 24 McHenry County board members signed a letter sent to Governor Rauner opposing that bill and requesting "that HB-4637 be permanently put on hold until our county can minimally address the financial burden to McHenry County, its municipalities and, most importantly, the taxpayer, prior to ever passing this legislation."

In accordance with the new law, on Oct. 10, 2019, a resolution to place the township dissolution question on the ballot was presented to the Board of Trustees of Nunda Township for their consideration. After much deliberation, a majority of the Board of Trustees approved the resolution. The question on the March 17, 2020 ballot reads as follows:

***Shall Nunda Township, together with any road districts wholly within the boundaries of Nunda Township, be dissolved on May 18, 2037 with all of the township and road district property, assets, personnel, obligations, and liabilities being transferred to McHenry County?***

Residents will vote either "yes" or "no" to this question. Additionally, if the referendum is not approved, a similar question can be placed on the ballot again in 23 months.

The reason for presenting this extended timeframe is multifold:

- Nunda Township is unaware if McHenry County has a plan in place to address how it would provide services if a township is dissolved. If the referendum is approved, hopefully the extended timeframe will allow a complete plan to be implemented.
- This timeframe allows the Nunda Township Road District to resolve any drainage and road issues before McHenry County would take over if the referendum is approved.
- If the referendum is approved, providing for Nunda Township's elimination in 2037 gives McHenry County, Nunda Township and, most importantly, Nunda Township residents ample time to prepare for the dissolution.

For years people have been saying that the voters should decide whether township are necessary. This referendum gives the voters the right to decide whether or not Nunda Township remains in place and operational.

- Lee Jennings - Supervisor

## ROAD DISTRICT NEWS

### FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S DESK

After seventeen years of faithful and talented service, Eric Konieczski gave over three weeks' notice that he would be moving on to private industry. Eric is, was and always will be family here. He brought our office into this century with his advanced knowledge of Excel and other computer technologies. Thank you, Eric, for your many years of excellent service to the residents of Nunda Township. Taking Eric's place in the office is Casey Coss a lifelong Nunda resident and a six-year veteran here at the Road District. Casey, as Eric did, will continue to be one of the plow route drivers. You will find Casey to be very helpful and extremely knowledgeable, so stop in and introduce yourself. You may recognize Casey as he has been the grademan on one of our ditching crews. Welcome Casey and thank you for accepting the challenge.

### THANK YOU MCHENRY

We would like to thank McHenry Township Road District for a great job striping our roads again this past season. Edgewood even got completed on a warm day in the first week of December. Kudos Gentleman!

### SNOW PLOW SEASON

We still have salt in inventory. Our plow drivers make every attempt to use the minimum amount of salt necessary to get the job done. Also, you will notice blue plows this season, this has been done in honor of Sheriff's Deputy Jacob Keltner.

### FLOOD RELIEF

Although we always hope we won't need them, the Road District has, in stock, approximately 80,000 sandbags ready to be filled if needed. Bags are available with a minimum one (1) day notice. We usually have a few on hand for small unexpected events. Please call as far in advance as possible to allow us time to fill bags.

### LEAVES

Leaves left in ditches cause drainage issues. They plug up drains and culverts then freeze in the winter, thus causing isolated flooding up stream of the blockage. If you get your leaves out after the pick-up date or an early snow storm hits, it is your responsibility to remove leaves from the right-of-way and drainage area. The system for leaf pick-up is consistently improving but cannot be counted on to take into account all possible situations.

### SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT

Nunda Road District is looking for seasonal help. This will be a laborer/truck driver position and requires a CDL. Ideal candidate must be able to frequently lift 30 pounds,

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shovel asphalt and/or dirt and enjoy working in the outdoors. This temporary, seasonal job is one that requires great flexibility, as we do many menial tasks as well as truck driving.

### MULCH

We will be delivering mulch to our seniors and Veterans again this year on Saturdays between the hours of 8am thru noon. Starting the first Saturday in May through the end of October, please call to schedule. We will continue our practice of loading mulch Saturdays 7am-12pm. Please be patient, if loader is unattended the operator will return within 20 minutes from making his delivery. If you want to load yourself, you may do so with your shovel at the Anita Sherwood Park on Pleasant Hill Road.

### SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

The Sheriff's Department has been at the road district with their work crew cleaning and painting our shop walls. Thank you to all the men who participated not only did they do the job; they did it well and with very little input from road district staff.

### UPDATES

After many years of an aggressive paving program, Nunda Township Road District is down to our last few gravel roads. This season we intend to pave two more: Koa and Poplar, both off of Roberts Road. Other roads are in the planning stages.

Burtons Bridge storm sewer is being designed by our engineer and is intended to alleviate flooding on South Street, and improve drainage on Burton Trail, Illinois Street and Johnson Avenue. The project is anticipated to be completed over the next two years.

Wegner and Fritzsche Roads storm sewer, intergovernmental agreement has been signed with the Village of Lakemoor to resolve the flooding issue in this area. We are presently seeking bids for engineering and would anticipate completion of this project in the next two years.

Lily Lake Road, as many have noticed, has utility upgrades going on. This work is in anticipation of the safety improvement project coming this summer. Lily Lake Road will be closed for the summer except to those that live or board horses there.

It is said that a township road district is limited only by its budget, imagination and the laws concerning township government. There are more than 25,000 people who have input on what we here at the road district do or don't do.

Thank you for all your ideas, suggestions, and requests, you have shaped our current road district model. Your input has measurable impacts in how and what duties the road district performs. There is value in many opinions, here at Nunda Road we sincerely appreciate yours.

**- Mike Lesperance**  
**Highway Commissioner**

## Nunda's 5th Annual Touch-A-Truck

People of all ages are invited to the Nunda Township facility at 3518 Bay Road, Crystal Lake, on July 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., to view and climb around on your trucks and equipment. Vendors and friends of the township will have their equipment on display as well. Bring the whole neighborhood, admission is FREE. If you would like your Nunda business to participate, please contact the Highway Commissioner, Mike Lesperance, at 815-459-4410. (You may want to have the children wear old clothes, as there will be a sand pile)



### From the Clerk – Joni Smith

Nunda's Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at the Nunda Township Hall, 3510 Bay Road, Crystal Lake, IL. The monthly Nunda Board meeting will follow at 7:30 p.m.

The purpose of the Annual Township Meeting is to publish the Supervisor's Annual Financial Report along with the Road District Treasurer's Annual Report; to discuss and vote on matters of Township Business; and to allow constituents to speak on Township Government issues. All Nunda Township residents are encouraged to attend, however only registered voters can vote.

Primary Early voting for McHenry County started Thursday February 6<sup>th</sup> at the county office. Early voting will be at Nunda Township starting Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> from 9-2 and Monday March 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> from 9-2 ending Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> from 9-12. Primary General Election is Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup>. For more information, sample ballots or more early voting locations visit McHenry County Recorder

[countyclerk@mchenrycountyil.gov](mailto:countyclerk@mchenrycountyil.gov).



### NUNDA GARDEN

Are you an avid gardener who would love to teach others your skill or a newcomer to gardening who would like to learn from the University of Illinois Master Gardeners? You may want to consider volunteering at the Nunda Garden located at the Nunda Township offices, 3510 Bay Road, Crystal Lake. Nunda Garden supports the Crystal Lake Food pantry as well as our "Garden Connect" program that allows families in need to grow their own vegetables in garden plots under the tutelage of knowledgeable garden volunteers. If your interest is in flowers and pollinating bees and insects, we also have a great pollination garden. Our volunteer opportunities range from getting down in the dirt to working from chairs in the raised garden. What a great way to get out of the house, help people and make new friends! To get involved call the township at 815-459-4011.



### **Assessor – Mark Dzemske CIAO-M**

The final adjustments are being completed by the McHenry County Board of Review. If you filed an appeal on your 2019 assessment, we anticipate the Board of Review Notices of Final Decision to be mailed around the second week of March. Shortly after the final changes are made to the 2019 assessment roll, it will then be turned over to the County Clerk, who will then strike the tax rates based on the levies that have been submitted by the taxing bodies, the McHenry County Treasurer will then generate and mail the 2019 Tax Bills, typically in early May.

Be sure to check your tax bill when it arrives to verify you are receiving all the exemptions you are eligible for. Remember exemptions equal tax savings. You

can review exemptions that are available by visiting [nundatownship.com](http://nundatownship.com) and going to the Assessor Division, or phone our office @ 815-459-6140.

Do you own multiple parcels in the township? If so, you may want to consider combining the parcels. Combining parcels would eliminate the need to generate multiple assessment notices, multiple tax bills, etc. If you would like additional information on combining parcels and how it may affect your assessment, please contact our office. We can answer any questions you may have, as well as provide you with the request for parcel combination form.

Please remember to visit [nundatownship.com](http://nundatownship.com) and go to the Assessor web page where you will find valuable information and links to additional resources. **Mark Dzemske C.I.A.O.-M**



**Sixth Annual Easter Egg Hunt  
Supervisor's Office  
3510 Bay Rd., Crystal Lake  
Saturday April 4th at 11:00 a.m.  
Don't forget your Baskets & Camera  
(Rain or Shine)**

***Seniors play pinochle at Nunda Township on Mondays and Thursday from Noon – 3:00 p.m.  
Always looking for new faces.***

***For more information please call Supervisor's office 815-459-4011***



### **Senior/Disabled Reduced RTA Fare**

Applications are available at the Supervisor's office. Pictures will be taken, no cost, and sent with your application. Make sure to bring State ID.

### **Rent the Hall – Picnic Area**

The Nunda Town Hall or the Picnic/BBQ Area is a great place to host your next event. Call for availability 815-459-4011.

### **Notary Public & Voter Registration**

Available daily – No Charge

Voter Registration closes 28 days prior to any election

**Supervisor**

Lee Jennings

**Assessor**

Mark Dzemske-CIAO-I

**Highway Commissioner**

Mike Lesperance

**Town Clerk**

Joni Smith

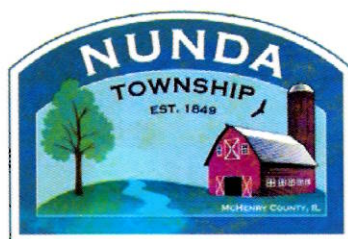
**Trustees**

Karen Tynis

Justin Franzke

Tim Parrish

Rob Parrish

**Contact Information**

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Postal Customer

**ROADS BEING PAVED THIS YEAR (weather, time and finances permitting):** Dowell Road, Rawson Bridge Road, Justin Road, Highwood Road, Wright Road, Koa Street, Poplar Street, Steuben Road, Bay Road, Ned Drive, Gerry Lane, Terry Avenue and all of Orchard Heights Subdivision. Last year we paved 8.8 miles of roads. Nunda Township's current road mileage count exceeds 91 miles.

**THINKING OF HAVING YOUR DRIVEWAY REPAVED? - PERMIT IS REQUIRED**

If you live on a road maintained by the Township, please call us to come out and inspect your culvert. It makes no sense to put new pavement over a rusted-out culvert. We will come out, inspect the culvert and replace it if needed, time permitting.

**BURNING ORDINANCE**

Prohibited at all times – Burning of manure, garbage, litter, etc. on any property in McHenry County, burning of landscape waste within 100' of a habitable structure (residence, school, etc.), Burning of landscape waste within 50' of a non-habitable structure (detached garage, barn, etc.). Please visit [www.mcdh.info](http://www.mcdh.info) or call 815-344-4585 for a copy of the Ordinance.

**BIKING**

Did you know that Nunda Supervisor's Office has several bicycles that are available to loan to our residents? We have easy access to the bike trail. So, if you just want to take a little ride and don't have a bike or want to dig your old bike out of the garage just give us a call or stop by. These bikes were donated by a Boy Scout for his Eagle Scout project.



## Township Offices

Assessor's Office 3510 Bay Road, Crystal Lake, IL 60012 - 7:00 – 3:30 M-F

Supervisor Office 3510 Bay Road Crystal Lake, IL 60012 - 7:00 – 3:30 M-F

Road District 3518 Bay Road Crystal Lake, IL 60012 - 7:00 – 3:30 M-F Saturdays by Appoint.