

# MCHENRY TOWNSHIP

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## Resolution:

On November 12, 2020, the McHenry Township Board approved Resolution 121120 to Place Proposition on the April 6, 2021 Consolidated Election Ballot regarding abolishing the McHenry Township Road District.

## Background:

At the Consolidated Election on April 6, 2021, the McHenry Township Board has given the Electors the opportunity to vote on whether McHenry Township Road District in the Township of McHenry should be consolidated into one unit of government with the Township of McHenry **or** should McHenry Township Road District continue to operate as a separate unit of government.

## Form of the Ballot Question:

Shall the Road District of the Township of McHenry be abolished with all the rights, powers, duties, assets, property, liabilities, obligations, and responsibilities being assumed by the Township of McHenry?

Yes

No

## What does this mean:

### If I vote “Yes”?

By voting “Yes” on this referendum question means you want McHenry Township and McHenry Township Road District in the Township of McHenry **to be consolidated** from two separate units of government into one unit one government. It also means that the elected Highway Commissioner position would be eliminated.

### If I vote “No”?

By voting “No” on this referendum question means you want McHenry Township and McHenry Township Road District in the Township of McHenry **not to be consolidated** and to remain two separate units of government. It also means that the elected Highway Commissioner position would be remain.

**Why did the McHenry Township Board put the question of abolishing McHenry Township Road District and consolidating it into McHenry Township on the ballot?**

- 1) McHenry Township Road District is an independent unit of government with an elected Highway Commissioner and is staffed by road district employees whose operations are separate from McHenry Township and the Township Board of Trustees.
- 2) Contracts entered into by McHenry Township Road District are not subject to review or approval by the Township Board of Trustees.
- 3) The geographic boundaries of McHenry Township and the McHenry Township Road District are identical.

**What will happen if McHenry Township Road District is abolished?**

- 1) All rights, powers, duties, assets, property, liabilities, obligations, and responsibilities of the Road District shall vest in and be assumed by McHenry Township.
- 2) The Township Board of Trustees shall assume all taxing authority of the Road District.
- 3) The Highway Commissioner will cease to hold office.
- 4) McHenry Township shall exercise all duties and responsibilities of the Highway Commissioner.
- 5) McHenry Township Board of Trustees may enter into a contract with the county, a municipality, or private contractor to administer the roads under its jurisdiction.

**When would McHenry Township Road District be abolished if a majority of the electors voted in favor of the proposition on April 6, 2021?**

McHenry Township Road District would be abolished 90 days after vote certification by the governing election authority.

**Have other Township Road Districts been abolished?**

Yes. At the November 3, 2020 Presidential Election the voters in Ela, Bloomingdale and Elk Grove Townships abolished their Township Road Districts.