

## Employee Poses as the Highway Commissioner

A part-time Township employee has been allowed to distribute business cards representing his role as the “Highway Commissioner”, an elected role, which was eliminated at Shields Township by law in May of 2021. This employee does not have an official Shields Township email address listed on the business card or on the Township website.



Highway Commissioners are legally allowed specific authority over roads that this employee does not have. The responsibilities of the Highway Commissioner were transferred to the Township when the Highway Taxing District was dissolved and the Highway Commissioner role eliminated in May of 2021.

Yet, the Shields Township Decennial Report submitted to the County, claims an efficiency of eliminating the elected position of Highway Commissioner and replacing with part-time employee (see report link below and screenshot of item K on page 5 of report).

<https://www.lakecountyil.gov/DocumentCenter/View/81191/Shields-Township-Decennial-Report?bidId=>

- K. Abolition of Road District eliminating the elected office of Highway Commissioner and replaced with a part-time employee and volunteer Road & Bridge Committee.