



Monday, January 13, 2020

City of Troy

Complete Count Committee Meeting

The Meeting was held in the Jarvis Township Office, 112 North Main Street, Troy, Illinois 62294

I. Opening of Meeting

The meeting was held in the Conference Room at the Jarvis Township Office, 112 North Main Street, Troy, Illinois. It convened at 6:00 pm.

II. Introductions

Present: Jessica Dudley, Andrea Lambert, Ann Byrd, Dawn Mushill, Bonnie Levo, Michelle Schneider, Mike Raymond, David Cassens II, Reverend Brian Bradshaw, Roger Alons, and Jeff Soland. **Others Present:** Mayor Allen Adomite.

Absent: Sharon Zenik and Steve Rensberry.

III. Message from the Mayor

The Mayor presented a slide show educating the volunteer committee of its duty to increase awareness and motivate residents to respond to the 2020 Census. Billions of dollars in annual funds are distributed based on the census numbers. Illinois lost 51,000 residents to out-immigration and as a result we will lose 1 congressional seat leaving Illinois with 17 total. For each person in Troy we fail to count Troy will lose \$1,535/person/yr.

The initial response will be April first, so our target to reach the public will be Mid-March to April. Initial responses cost the government \$2/person. Multiple tries cost the government \$75/person.

The national average of responses is 72%. Troy was at 85% 10 yrs ago. Businesses determine their location based on data collected. The 2020 Census will consist of 12 questions and does not ask citizenship. They will not ask for money and will not reach you by phone. They will not ask for social security numbers and WILL have badges – and only work from 9am to 9pm. The information collected is confidential and will be released in 72 years. No information collected may be shared before that time or a \$250,000 fine will be imposed.

IV. Brainstorming / Discussion

It was discussed that regardless of custody a child is counted where their physical location on April 1st. Methods to get 'hard to reach' portions of the population were discussed. Possible community service for high schoolers would involve assistance to the community to fill out their form. Signs and newspaper ads were included in the discussion.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 pm.