

**INFORMATION FOR INDEPENDENT & NEW PARTY
CANDIDATES SEEKING ELECTION TO TOWNSHIP OFFICE AT
THE APRIL 6, 2021 CONSOLIDATED ELECTION¹**

First date to circulate petitions:	September 22, 2020
First date to file petitions:	December 14, 2020
Last date to file petitions:	December 21, 2020 (5:00 p.m.)
Last date to file objections to nominating petitions:	December 30, 2020 (5:00 p.m.)

*****Please note that Township Offices will be closed on Thursday December 24 and Friday, December 25, 2020.***

HOURS OF FILING

During the petition filing period, the Township Clerk's Office will accept petitions at the Township Administrative Offices, 241 Canterbury Lane, Bolingbrook, IL 60440 only between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

OFFICIALS TO BE ELECTED:

- Township Supervisor
- Township Clerk
- Township Assessor
- Township Collector
- Township Trustees (x4)

**CANDIDATE RESOURCES & PETITION SIGNATURE REQUIREMENT
INFORMATION**

The Township Clerk's office can only provide general information about the 2021 Township election cycle to prospective candidates and interested citizens but does not maintain or oversee the relevant data and does not create sample forms. **The information provided by the Township Clerk is not legal advice. Please contact an attorney for legal advice.**

While every effort has been made to verify the information contained herein, the Township Clerk provides the information only as a courtesy, without responsibility for its accuracy.

For additional information beyond petition filing times and dates, please refer to the Illinois State Board of Election (<https://elections.il.gov/>), which publishes a complete Candidate's Guide, Township Caucus Guide, and Election Calendar, among other relevant resources. Those publications are subject to updating and revision by the Illinois State Board of Elections and should be directly accessed from the State Board of Elections Website.

¹ Please note that the information provided herein applies *only* to candidates seeking elected, township office in DuPage Township as **INDEPENDENT or NEW PARTY candidates** at the April 6, 2021 Consolidated Election. Established political party candidates are subject to different requirements and/or party caucuses. The Township Clerk's Office will maintain the same hours for the filing of certificates of nomination for established party caucus candidates.

Specific petition signature and candidate qualification requirements for prospective candidates depends on the type of candidacy, the party affiliation (if any) and the office sought. Election result data may be obtained by the Will County and (the Election Authority that administers DuPage Township elections) at:

Will County Clerk

302 N. Chicago Street

Joliet, IL 60432

<https://www.thewillcountyclerk.com/elections/>

You are *strongly* encouraged to seek competent legal advice concerning your rights and obligations as a voter or as a candidate for public office and you should *not* rely solely on the contents of this document or any publication. If you do not have an attorney and need assistance in finding one, the Chicago Bar Association has a Lawyer Referral Service, which is available at (312) 554-2001 (hearing impaired: (312) 554-2055) and at the following website:

<https://lrs.chicagobar.org/>.

All candidacy forms should be completed prior to filing. Please note that the Township Clerk's office will **NOT** provide notary services for nominating petitions and will not provide specific advice regarding any candidacy. Additionally, each candidate should consult Article 9 of the Illinois Election Code regarding campaign finance. Consult your attorney or the Illinois State Board of Elections for any further information.

DuPage Township does not guarantee the accuracy or legality of any forms or information distributed by it, or the advice or forms distributed by the Illinois State Board of Elections. Therefore, you are strongly advised to seek legal counsel to review candidacy forms, to fill in and assemble the forms, and with respect to all aspects of running for office.

If your petitions are challenged, the Township Officers Electoral Board determines the adequacy of petitions.