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January 28, 2014

State Boundary Commission
ATTN: Kevin O'Brien, P.S.
Department of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs
State Boundary Commission
Office of Land Survey & Remonumentation
2501 Woodlake Circle
Okemos, MI 48864

Re: Docket No. 13-AP-1
In Re: Petition for Annexation of Territory in Indianfields Township
To the City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan;

Township Entanglements

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

More revelations have come forth by the township in the 30-day rebuttal period. During the December 4, 2013 public hearing, the State Boundary Commission asked if land off of cemetery property had been sold. Township Clerk, Bill Campbell, replied, "No cemetery property has been sold." Since that question was raised by the State Boundary Commissioners, the facts now show the opposite truth. In the township rebuttal filing, Exhibit G reads: "In a special meeting of the stockholders or owners of the Caro Mausoleum in the year of 1953 passed a motion, To sell for a dollar and quit-claim deed, the mausoleum property to Indianfields Township "to continue the operation of said property SIMILAR manner to that of the Caro Cemetery which is OWNED and operated by the township."

In the supporting documents used to convey ownership of the mausoleum property to the township, contains the same language which restricts the use and purpose of the land for cemetery use. So, yes, to the State Boundary Commission; cemetery property has been sold. The next question that should be answered by law is where did the proceeds go? And will the new property tax paid by the new owner be revenue to the cemetery fund? These are all legal issues that need to be addressed since the township raised the issue of funds. The township has been less than straightforward with the sale and deed restrictions. There are many other half statements made in the rebuttal that never brought to light that these people who were critical in founding the cemetery were Indianfields Township residents should be recognized by the township for what they did to help establish the Indianfields Township cemetery.

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The township's general fund has increased by 30 percent, the perpetual care fund has increased by 20 percent, and the cemetery fund made a profit of more than \$13,000.00. They have City water and sewer available to them but don't use it. The city has a Cemetery Services Agreement with Almer Township. The township also hopes that the Boundary Commission will overlook the sale of land that had restricted use.

I'm sorry. Why are we here wasting your time, our time and the taxpayers dollars? Oh yes, the desire by the township to re-litigate the division of assets. In consideration of all the facts, as mayor of the City of Caro, I strongly oppose the annexation of Indianfields Township cemetery.

CITY OF CARO

By: 

Richard Pouliot

Its: Mayor