Criteria Questionnaire for Annexation
State Boundary Commission
Office of Land Survey and Remonumentation
Bureau of Construction Codes/LARA

SBC DOCKET #13-AR-1 from the CITY OF CARO
Proposed Annexation of Land in Indianfields Township
to the City of Caro, Tuscola County

The term "unit" is used throughout this questionnaire and is intended to mean your township, city or village.

POPULATION

1. Total population of your unit for each of the following dates:
   1990 4054 2000 4145 2010 4229

POPULATION DENSITY AND LAND AREA

1. Give the total number of acres or square miles and density for your entire unit.

   Total number of acres _____ or square miles 2.8
   Density for 2010 _____ population/acre or 1,515.8 population/sq.mile

2. Give the total number of acres or square miles in the area proposed to be annexed.

   Acres 35.94 or sq. mi. .05615625

LAND USE

1. Enclose a copy of the long range plan for your unit or larger area, e.g., comprehensive Master Plan, Land Use Plan, Growth Management Plan. If there is not one for your unit of government, include county plan or other. Please list enclosures. 2005 Master Plan

2. Development

   Does your unit provide special incentives, e.g., tax-abatement, low interest rates to homeowners, builders, or developers to locate in your area? **Yes** X **No** ____

   If Yes, describe:
   IFT's

   Give the quantity and location of any of the following types of development either planned, under construction, or completed within your unit during the last three years. None

Building Type	Planned	Under Construction	Date Completed	Section or Exact Location	# Dwelling Units at Buildout
Apartment Buildings					
Standard Housing Subdivisions					
Condominium Subdivisions					
Mobile Home Parks					
Commerical Centers					
Industrial Parks					
Other					

ZONING

1. Does your unit have a zoning board or commission? **Yes** X **No** ____

   If Yes, under what public act? Act 207, Public Acts of 1921

   If Yes enclose a copy of the zoning ordinance and map.

   If Yes describe the stage to which it this progressed? ____

   If No, enclose the governing county zoning map and ordinance.

   Is your unit in the process of initiating a zoning ordinance? **Yes** ____ **No** ____

2. Has the area proposed for annexation been zoned? **Yes** ____ **No** ____ Unknown

   If Yes, for what purposes? ____

Is any portion of the area proposed for annexation being considered for rezoning?

Yes _____ No _____ Unknown

If Yes, describe the proposed change.

List the acreage of the land zoned in your unit: **Use**	**Number of Acres Zoned**	**Number of Acres Used as Zoned**
Residential		
Commercial		
Industrial		
Agricultural		
Other (Describe)		

STATE EQUALIZED VALUATION

1. Give the S.E.V. of your unit for the last three years. Start with present year.

Real Property	**20 11**	**20 12**	**20 13**
Residential	$49,663,100	$45,854,000	$41,728,300
Commercial	$35,592,100	$35,277,200	$33,440,000
Industrial	$8,108,400	$8,195,700	$7,746,900
Agricultural	$0	$0	$0
Developmental	$0	$0	$0
Timber Cutover	$0	$0	$0
Utilities	$0	$0	$0
TOTAL	$93,363,600	$89,276,900	$82,915,200
Personal Property	**20 11**	**20 12**	**20 13**
Residential	$0	$0	$0
Commercial	$5,062,006	$4,979,144	$4,577,433
Industrial	$13,825,470	$12,455,205	$13,270,579
Agricultural	$0	$0	$0
Developmental	$0	$0	$0
Timber Cutover	$0	$0	$0
Utilities	$1,900,595	$1,900,619	$2,098,666
TOTAL	$20,788,071	$19,334,968	$19,946,678

2. Give the current **equalization factor for your unit**: 1.0000

3. Give the most recent year's **state equalized value for the area proposed for annexation.**

$ Zero

ALLOCATED AND VOTED MILLAGE RATES FOR THE LAST 3 YEARS (START WITH PRESENT OR PREVIOUS YEAR)

Example:		
	General Fund	1.00 Mills
	Debt Retirement	2.00 Mills
	Pension Fund	.50 Mills
	TOTAL	3.50 Mills

2013					
Unit Millage		County Millage		School Millage	
Purpose	Amount	Purpose	Amount	Purpose	Amount
Op	16.1643	Op	3.9141	Op	18.0
		Sp. Voted	3.578	Debt	4.45
		Debt	1.00		
Total	16.1643	Total	8.4921	Total	22.45

2012					
Unit Millage		County Millage		School Millage	
Purpose	Amount	Purpose	Amount	Purpose	Amount
Op	16.1643	Op	3.9141	Op	18.0
		Sp. Voted	3,578	Debt	4.35
		Debt	1.00		
Total	16.1643	Total	8.4921	Total	22.35

2011					
Unit Millage		County Millage		School Millage	
Purpose	Amount	Purpose	Amount	Purpose	Amount
Op	16.1643	Op	3.9141	Op	18.0
		Sp. Voted	3.578	Debt	4.2
		Debt	1.00		
Total	16.1643	Total	8.4921	Total	22.20

TOPOGRAPHY/NATURAL BOUNDARIES/DRAINAGE BASINS

1. Check any unusual or restrictive topographic features which could inhibit the use or development of the area proposed to be annexed Unknown

X	Feature	X	Feature
	Extreme Changes in Elevation		Wetlands
	Perk Test Failure		Bedrock Near Surface
	Flood Plain		Prime Agricultural Land
	Drainage Basin		Other _____

2. How does this proposed annexation relate to natural boundaries and drainage basins? Include aerial map if available. Unknown

BOUNDARY HISTORY

1. During the past 10 years, has your unit been involved in any proposed detachments, annexations, incorporations, or consolidations?

   Yes X **No** _____

   If Yes, list the following for each case (attach extra sheets if necessary): See Exhibit 1

   Type Of Adjustment Proposed (detachment, annexation, incorporation, consolidation):

   _____

   Request Initiated By (registered electors, property owners, city council, township board):

   _____

   Date Request Filed: _____
   Date of Decision: _____

   Decided by (referendum, County Commission resolution, City Council resolution, City/Township mutual resolutions, State Boundary Commission action, Circuit Court, other court): _____

   Final Decision: _____

2. Of those annexations accomplished, are these areas receiving all the city's services?
   All applicable
   Yes X **No** _____ **No annexations in past 10 years** _____

   If No, list the areas not receiving services and the services they lack:

   _____

3. Does your unit have any joint policies or agreements with adjacent units of government?

Yes X No ____

If Yes, explain: See Exhibit 2

PAST AND PROBABLE FUTURE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

1. How many building permits for the following categories have been issued by your unit of government within the last 3 years? Unavailable

____ Industrial	____ Single Residential Units
____ Commercial	____ Multiple Housing Structures

2. Business development Unavailable

How many new businesses opened in the last 5 years? ____

How many new jobs were created? ____

How many businesses expanded their operations in the last 5 years? ____

How many new jobs were added? ____

How many businesses reduced their operations in the last 5 years? ____

How many jobs were lost? ____

How many businesses moved or closed their operations in the last 5 years? ____

How many jobs were lost? ____

3. Have any special studies been conducted in your area regarding the general economic situation? **Yes** ____ **No** ____ **In Process** ____ Unknown

If yes, enclose copy

4. Which of the following development tools serve your unit?

X Economic Development Corporation (PA 338, 1974)
X Local Development Finance Authority (PA 218, 1986)
X Tax Increment Finance Authority (PA 450, 1980)
X Downtown Development Authority (PA197, 1975)

___ Shopping Center Redevelopment Area (PA 120, 1961)
___ Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community/Enterprise Zone
X Local Revolving Loan Fund
___ Other _____

NEED FOR ADDITIONAL PUBLIC SERVICES

1. What additional services not presently available does your unit, residents and/or property owners feel are necessary in the area proposed for annexation?

Service	Date It Can Be Available
Unknown	Unknown

2. Of the services listed above, which ones will be difficult to provide?
Unknown

Why? _____

PROBABLE EFFECTS OF PROPOSED ANNEXATION ON THE COST AND ADEQUACY OF SERVICES

1. If annexation takes place, how will the change of boundaries affect the receiving unit of government? See Exhibit A

2. If annexation takes place, and public services are improved in the area annexed, what additional cost will the annexed area incur and how adequate will those services be?

See Exhibit A

3. If annexation takes place, what will be the financial effect on the remaining area from which the annexed territory is removed? Unknown

4. If annexation takes place, what will be the financial effect on the annexed area? Unknown

PUBLIC SERVICES

Public Water

1. Does your unit provide public water service? **Yes** X **No** ___

   If yes, who owns the water treatment plant(s)? City of Caro

2. If the water treatment plant does not belong to your unit, has your unit purchased a utility equity in the water system? **Yes** ___ **No** ___ N/A

3. How many public water customers does your unit have? 1781

4. Give the number of homes and also the section numbers in which public water is not available: **No. of homes** 0 **Section No.** 0

5. Maximum capacity of your public water system is 1,851,800 gallons per day.

   Average present usage is 913,000 gallons per day 50 % of capacity.

6. Is your unit under orders or has it been cited by the Michigan Department of Community Health, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, the Michigan Water Resources Commission, or any other State or Federal agency? **Yes** ___ **No** X

7. **If Yes,** give the nature of the orders or citations and what actions have been taken N/A

8. Does your unit serve public water to the area proposed to be annexed?

   Yes X **No** ___

9. **If No,** how near to the area proposed for annexation are water mains of a size adequate to serve the area? ___

10. How is your public water system financed?

    X General obligation bonds
    ___ Special assessments
    ___ Revenue Bonds
    X Tap-in fees (amount:$ ___)
    X Other Charge for Services

11. What is the cost per linear foot to install water lines in the street? $ Unknown

12. What is the cost per linear foot to extend lines on site? $ Unknown

13. If public water service is not available, what other types of water services are available to residents? N/A

14. Have any governmental agencies placed any restrictions on adding new customers to your public water system?

Yes ___ No X

If Yes, describe these restrictions: _____

15. Are there any plans to expand your water system? **Yes** ___ **No** X

If Yes, what sections or areas will receive services? _____

16. How many new customers are expected to be served? N/A

17. What is the estimated total number of customers who will ultimately be served following this expansion? N/A

18. This expansion is: N/A

____ **Under study** ____ **Under contract** ____ **Under construction**

19. Estimated date service will be available: N/A

20. What charges do customers within your unit pay to receive public water? $ See Exhibit 3

21. If water is purchased under contract, do customers outside the unit pay the same rate as those within the unit providing the service? **Yes** ____ **No** X

If No, what charges do customers outside the unit pay to receive public water? $_____

22. Are special charges made in lieu of an assessment? **Yes** ____ **No** X

If Yes, what is the amount? $_____

23. What must customers outside the providing unit do to receive this public water? See Ordinance Sec. 38-101 (b)

24. If annexation does not occur, how soon would the area proposed for annexation receive public water services? Already Have

Sanitary Sewer

1. Does your unit provide sanitary sewer service? Yes X No ____

   If Yes, who services the treatment plant? City of Caro

2. If the sewage treatment plant does not belong to your unit, has your unit purchased a utility equity in the sewer system? Yes ____ No X

3. How many sewer customers does your unit serve now? 1841

4. How many homes in your unit do not have sewer hookups available: None
   In what sections or areas: _____

5. What is the highest level of wastewater treatment being provided:

   ____ Primary X Secondary ____ Tertiary

6. What methods of waste water treatment are being used (check all that apply)?

   X Activated Sludge
   ___ Lagoons
   ___ Sand Filter
   ___ Trickling Filter
   ___ Rotating Biological Contactors or Disks
   ___ Groundwater Discharge Mound
   ___ Sequencing Batch Reactors
   ___ Other _____

7. Where does the wastewater treatment plant discharge its effluent?

   Surface water (Name/Location) Cass River
   Ground infiltration (Name/Location) N/A

8. Maximum capacity of the sewer system is _____ gal/day.

9. The average usage is 460,000 gal/day; 1.2 million % capacity.

10. Does your sewer ordinance require residents to hook up? Yes X No ____

    If Yes, how near does the sewer line have to be? N/A feet See Ordinance Sec. 38-49 (a

11. Does your unit provide sanitary sewer service to the area proposed for annexation?

    Yes ___ No X

    If No, not, how near to the area proposed to be annexed are sewer lines of a size adequate to serve the area? Unknown

12. How is your sewer system financed?

X General obligation bonds
___ Special assessments
___ Revenue bonds

X Tap-in fees (amount $ _____)
X Other: Fee for Service

13. What is the cost per foot for installation of sewer lines in the street? $ Unknown

14. What is the cost per foot for extension on site? $ Unknown

15. Are you under orders to improve your wastewater treatment? **Yes** ____ **No** X

If Yes, describe: _____

16. Are there plans to expand the sewer system? **Yes** ____ **No** X

If Yes, what sections or areas will receive services? _____

17. Have you received approval from the involved state agencies for expansion of the sewer system? **Yes** ____ **No** X

18. What is the estimated total number of customers who will ultimately be served by this expansion? N/A

19. This expansion is: N/A

___ Under study ___ Under contract ___ Under construction

20. Estimated date service will be available: N/A

21. What do customers within your unit pay to receive sewer service? $ See Exhibit 3

22. If sewer service is purchased under contract, do customers outside the unit pay the same rate as those within the unit providing the services? **Yes** ____ **No** X

If no, what charges do customers outside the unit pay to receive sewer service? $ See attachment

23. Are special charges made in lieu of an assessment? **Yes** ____ **No** X

If Yes, what is the amount? $_____

24. What must customers outside the providing unit do to receive this sewer service?

_____

25. If annexation does not occur, how soon would the area proposed for annexation receive sewer service? N/A

Fire Protection

1. Fire protection for your unit is provided:

   X By your own department
   ___ Under contract from: ___
   ___ By the ___ Fire District serving the following units:
   ___

2. Underwriters rating: 6

   What is the composition of the fire department that provides fire protection to your unit?

   Number of fire fighters on force: Full-time 0 Volunteer 25

3. How is the fire department financed?

   ___ Special Assessment
   X General obligation bonds
   ___ Other ___
   X Charge for each fire run
   X General operating funds

4. Who provides fire protection to the area proposed for annexation?
   Cityo6f Caro Underwriters rating: 6

5. If the annexation is approved, who would provide fire protection?
   City of Caro

6. How near is the fire station now providing fire protection to the area proposed for annexation? .66 miles

7. If the annexation is approved, how near would the fire station providing fire protection be?
   .66 miles

Police Protection

1. Police protection for your unit of government is provided:

   X By your own department
   ___ By the county sheriff
   ___ Under contract from another unit: ___

___ From the _____ Joint Service District serving the following units:

_____

2. What is the composition of the police department?

   7 Full-time officers 2 Part-time officers

3. How is the police department financed?

   ___ Special Assessment
   ___ General obligation bonds
   ___ Other _____
   ___ Charge for each police run
   X General operating funds

4. Who provides police protection to the area proposed for annexation?
   Unknown

5. If the annexation is approved, who would provide police protection?
   City of Caro

6. How near is the police station which now provides police protection to the area proposed for annexation? .52 miles

7. If the annexation is approved, how near is the police station which would provide police protection? .52 miles

Garbage Collection

1. Does your unit provide garbage collection service? **Yes** X **No** ___

   This service is provided by:

   X Your unit via contract with private firm
   __ Your unit via an intergovernmental or regional contract
   __ **If No,** this service is provided by private arrangements between residents and property owners with individual haulers

   __ **If No,** this service is not available

   If the answer to 1 was "Yes" respond to the 2. through 5. as follows.

2. How many homes are served? 1250

3. Does this service include the area proposed to be annexed? **Yes** ___ **No** X

4. How often is the pickup made? Weekly

5. How is the service financed?

____ Special Assessment
_X_ Each homeowner billed for service by governmental unit
____ General operating funds
____ Paid by resident to individual hauler

Street Lights

Does your unit have a street light program? **Yes** ____ **No** _X_

If yes, how is the program financed? _____

Library Service

Does your unit provide library service? **Yes** ____ **No** _X_ District

If Yes, it is: ___Unit operated ___County wide ___Area wide

Name of School District(s): Caro Community Schools

OTHER SERVICES AVAILABLE TO YOUR UNIT'S RESIDENTS

Type of Service	Furnished by Unit or Service Contract	Method of Financing

FINANCIAL ABILITY TO PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN SERVICES TO YOUR UNIT

1. What major capital improvements have taken place in your unit in the last five years, and how were they financed?

IMPROVEMENT	FINANCED
Arsenic Plant	
Major Streets	
Water/Sewer Upgrades	
Sidewalks	Special Assesment

2. Does your unit of government have application for bonds before the Michigan Municipal Finance Commission? **Yes** ___ **No** X

   If Yes, state the kind of bond, purpose, total amount of bonded indebtedness and the maturity date:

TYPE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT	MATURITY DATE

3. Indebtedness related to annexation area.

   Does your unit of government have any bonded indebtedness in place or in process that affects the area proposed for annexation? **Yes** ___ **No** X

   If Yes, state the following about the debt:

TYPE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT	MATURITY DATE

   If Yes, attach copies of any "Order of Approval" issued to your unit by the Municipal Finance Commission that relate to bonds for sewer or water facilities serving the annexation area and include copies of maps describing the physical location of the sewer and water lines.

4. Has your unit incurred any other liabilities relating to the area proposed for annexation? **Yes** ___ **No** X

   If Yes, describe the liabilities and their value ($).

5. Has your unit signed any other contractual agreements affecting the area proposed for annexation? **Yes** ___ **No** X

   If Yes, list the agreements and include copies.

   _____

   _____

6. Has your unit accumulated any assets attributable to the area proposed for annexation? **Yes** ___ **No** X

   If Yes, describe the assets and their values ($).

7. What percent of your total sanitary sewer, public water, storm drainage and other utility(ies) exist in the area proposed for annexation?

0 % sewer	0 % public water
0 % storm drainage	0 % other _____

GENERAL EFFECT UPON COMMUNITY OF PROPOSED ACTION

1. What is the position of your government officials on this proposed annexation?

   See Exhibit B

2. What is the position of the affected residents of the proposed area for annexation towards this petition?

   See Exhibit B

3. What is the position of your constituents towards this petition?

   See Exhibit B

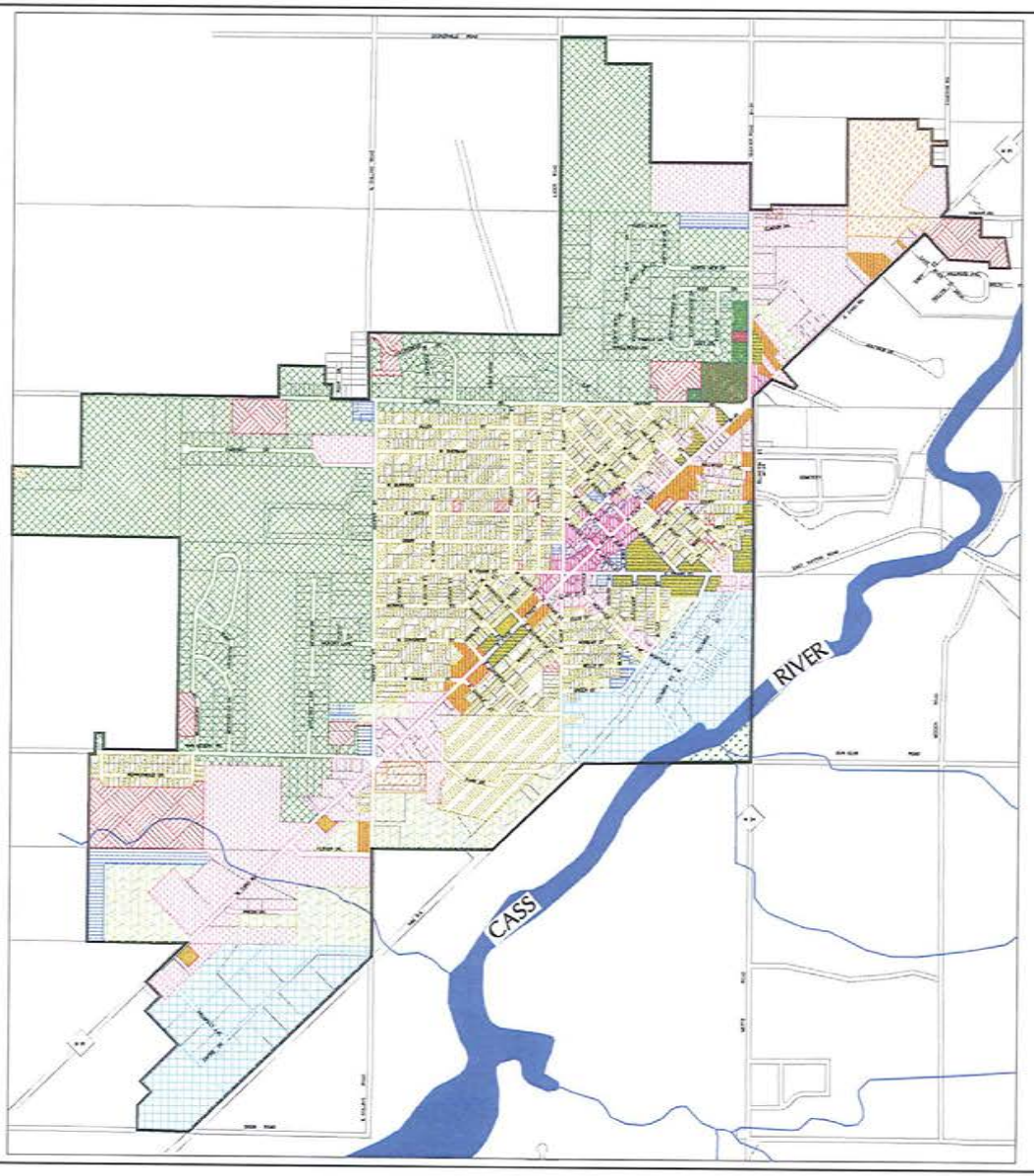
WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE PROPOSED ANNEXATION TO ANY ESTABLISHED TOWNSHIP, VILLAGE, CITY, COUNTY OR REGIONAL LAND USE PLAN?

N/A - See Attachment - Current Master Plan Contains no classification for cemetery

List the people who completed this questionnaire:

Name	Title	Telephone (with area code)
Jared Olson	City Manager	989-673-7671
Karen J. Snider	City Clerk	989-673-7671
Walt Schlichting	Assessor	989-672-3830

Date Completed: 11-19-13



CITY OF CARO
ZONING DISTRICTS

- RA–1 ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL
- RA–1 WITH OFFICE (ONLY) OVERLAY
- RA–1 WITH COMMERCIAL/OFFICE OVERLAY
- RA–2 ONE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL
- RA–2 WITH OFFICE (ONLY) OVERLAY
- RA–2 WITH COMMERCIAL/OFFICE OVERLAY
- RB TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL
- RB WITH OFFICE (ONLY) OVERLAY
- RC MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL
- RC WITH OFFICE (ONLY) OVERLAY
- RD MOBILE HOME
- OS–1 OFFICE SERVICE
- B–1 COMMUNITY BUSINESS
- B–2 GENERAL BUSINESS
- I–1 LIGHT INDUSTRIAL
- I–2 GENERAL INDUSTRIAL
- P–1 VEHICULAR PARKING
- OPEN PARKS

ADOPTION DATE: MAY 2, 2005
LAST REVISION: JANUARY 27, 2012

PLAN DATE: 01-24-2005
PROJECT MGR: GLC
REVIEWER: GLC
SCALE: NO SCALE

PREPARED BY
ROWE INCORPORATED
LAPEER
CORPORATE OFFICE
MT. PLEASANT

PREPARED FOR
THE CITY OF CARO
ZONING DISTRICT MAP

REV:
SHT# 1 OF 1
JOB No: 0300270

EXHIBIT I

BOUNDARY HISTORY

Annexation:
Johnny's Family Inn
Initiated by: Property Owner
Date Request Filed: August 22, 2002
Date of Decision: October 16, 2002
Decided by: Council Resolution, County Commission Resolution and State Boundary Commission
Final Decision: Approved

Annexation:
Caro Community Schools
Initiated by: Neil Beckwith – Superintendent of Caro Community Schools
Date Request Filed: April 13, 2004
Date of Decision: June 18, 2004
Decided by: Council Resolution, County Commission Resolution and State Boundary Commission
Final Decision: Approved

Detachment
Murdogs Diner – formerly known as Johnny's Family Inn
Initiated by: Property Owner
Date Request Filed: May 6, 2004
Date of Decision: June 21, 2004
Decided by: Council Resolution, County Commission Resolution and State Boundary Commission
Final Decision: Approved

Annexation:
Gilling Property
Initiated by: Property Owner
Date Request Filed: March 8, 2005
Date of Decision: May 10, 2005
Decided by: Council Resolution, County Commission Resolution and State Boundary Commission
Final Decision: Approved

Annexation:
Car Wash
Initiated by: Property Owner
Date of Request Filed: July 5, 2006
Date of Decision: September 11, 2006
Decided by: Council Resolution, County Commission Resolution and State Boundary Commission
Final Decision: Approved

Annexation:
Scott Deeren
Initiated by: Property Owner
Date of Request Filed: March 4, 2009

Date of Decision: April 22, 2009
Decided by: County Resolution, County Commission Resolution and State Boundary Commission
Final Decision: Approved

INCORPORATION:
Village of Caro
Initiated by: Village of Caro Steering Committee
Date of Request: May 20, 2005
Date of Decision: November 5, 2009
Decided by: Vote of the people
Final Decision: Approved

EXHIBIT #2

Supplemental Responses to Criteria Questionnaire for Annexation (Page 6)

State Boundary Commission

Office of Land Survey and Remonumentation
Bureau of Construction Codes/LARA
SBC Docket No. 13-AR-1

1. Intergovernmental agreement with Almer Township to retain resident rates for Caro residents in regards to all fees and charges at the Almer Township Cemetery.

2. Intergovernmental agreement with Almer Township for the use of the Almer Township Landfill for Caro residents.

3. Intergovernmental agreement with the Tuscola County Road Commission for mechanic services on City Machinery.

4. Intergovernmental agreement with Tuscola County Road Commission for the discharge of Road Commission wash water into the City of Caro Waste Water Treatment Plant.

5. Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Caro and the Tuscola County Treasurers office for the collection of Caro's Personal Property Taxes.

6. Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Caro and the Tuscola County Equalization Department for Assessing Services.

7. Member in good standing of the Caro Area Airport Authority.

EXHIBIT 3

CITY OF CARO
WATER/SEWER RATES
EFFECTIVE 08/01/2010

Inside City Water Rates

BASE FEE	**$ 22.00**
0 – 5,000 gallon of use	
5,001 – 100,000 gallons of use	$ 2.18/1,000 gallons used
100,001 – 250,000 gallons of use	$ 2.10/1,000 gallons used
250,001 – 10,000,000 gallons of use	$ 1.49/1,000 gallons used
10,000,001 + gallons of use	$ 1.07/1,000 gallons used

Outside City Water Rates

BASE FEE	**$ 44.00**
0 – 5,000 gallon of use	
5,001 – 100,000 gallons of use	$ 4.36/1,000 gallons used
100,001 – 250,000 gallons of use	$ 4.20/1,000 gallons used
250,001 – 10,000,000 gallons of use	$ 2.98/1,000 gallons used
10,000,001 + gallons of use	$ 2.14/1,000 gallons used

Metered Sewer Rates

BASE FEE	**$ 4.00**
Additional Charge Is:	$ 8.40/1,000 gallons of water used

(Example 7,000 gallon consumption = $ 4.00 + $ 58.80 = $ 62.80)

EXHIBIT A

Supplemental Responses to Criteria Questionnaire for Annexation (page 7)

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PROBABLE EFFECTS OF PROPOSED ANNEXATION
ON THE COST AND ADEQUACY OF SERVICES

1. If annexation takes place, how will the change of boundaries affect the receiving unit of government?

Answer: It is Caro's position that annexation of the Township Cemetery is not governed by MCL 117.14 so the consequence of annexation will be to locate the Township's cemetery within Caro without advancing the purposes of the Boundary Commission Act. At the present time, the Township operates its cemetery charging fees which are 300 percent higher for Caro residents than Township residents. See attached fee schedule.

It is disingenuous for the Township to claim that annexation is necessary to operate this cemetery. The Township has made the economic decision to charge exorbitant rates to Caro residents and now claims that the cemetery should be annexed.

The Township claimed through its legal counsel at the hearing on legal sufficiency that annexation was necessary for city services. Water and sewer are available for hook-up in the Township and Caro plows and maintains Ellington Street. The Township has the necessary services in its unit of government to operate the cemetery. See attached map.

2. If annexation takes place, and public services are improved in the area next, what additional cost would the annexed area incur and how adequate will those services be?

Answer: It is not anticipated that public services will be provided if the Township Cemetery is annexed to the City of Caro since the cemetery does not need any public services which are not already available within the Township.

Indianfields Township Cemetery

Service Type	SERVICE FEES - NEW RATES effective 2/13/2012			
	M-F Before 3 p.m.			
Interment:	**Twp. Resident**	**Non Twp. Resident**	**Twp. Resident**	**Non Twp. Resident**
Opening/Closing - Adult Summer Rate (Mar. 16 - Nov 14) Winter Rate (Nov. 15 - March 15)	$400 $550	$1200 $1650		
Opening/Closing Infant/Cremains/Babyland Summer Rate (Mar. 16 - Nov 14) Winter Rate (Nov. 15 - March 15)	$100 $150	$300 $450		
Grave Concrete Top Removal - Full Size	$150	$150		
Grave Concrete Top Removal - Infant/Cremains	$50	$50		
Committal building used for full funeral	$200	$600		
Disinterment:				
Opening/Closing - Adult Summer Rate (Mar. 16 - Nov 14) Winter Rate (Nov. 15 - March 15)	$400 $550	$1200 $1650		
Opening/Closing Infant/Cremains/Babyland Summer Rate (Mar. 16 - Nov 14) Winter Rate (Nov. 15 - March 15)	$100 $150	$150 $200		
Purchase of Spaces:	**Twp. Resident**	**Non Twp. Resident**		
Full Space - includes foundation	$450 per space	$2250		
Babyland Space	$50	$250		
Sacred Heart	must purchase from church			
Maintenance:	**Twp. Resident**	**Non Twp. Resident**		
Removal of curbing and seed lot (6 spaces)	$175	$525		
Black Dirt and seed only	$200	$600		

Replace concrete top - full lot	$500	$1500		
Spray lot for weeds	$40	$120		
Foundations/Government Markers (those not included in lot purchase)(Standard sizes only)	$75	$225		
Corner Markers	$30			

Mausoleum Fee Schedule

CRYPT/NICHE LOCATION	NEW RATES	
	Twp. Resident	Non Twp. Resident
Columbarium Niche	$275	$825
Single Crypt - Row A (Bottom)	$1900	$5700
Single Crypt - Row B	$2000	$6000
Single Crypt - Row C	$1800	$5400
Single Crypt - Row D	$1700	$5100
Single Crypt - Row E	$1600	$4800
Single Crypt - Row F (Top)	$1500	$4500
True Companion Crypts	2x Single Rate	2x Single Rate

EXHIBIT B

Supplemental Responses to Criteria Questionnaire for Annexation (page 16)

State Boundary Commission

Office of Land Survey and Remonumentation
Bureau of Construction Codes/LARA
SBC Docket No. 13-AR-1

GENERAL EFFECT UPON COMMUNITY OF PROPOSED ACTION

1. What is the position of your government officials on this proposed annexation?

Answer: See the attached resolution adopted by the City Council of Caro dated November 18, 2013.

2. What is the position of the affected residents of the proposed area for annexation towards this petition?

Answer: Not applicable since area proposed for annexation is a township cemetery.

3. What is the position of your constituents towards this petition?

Answer: Caro has not conducted a public hearing regarding the position of its constituents relating to the annexation. However, Caro believes that the resolution adopted on November 18, 2013 is consistent with the constituents of the City of Caro.

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARO TO THE ANNEXATION PETITION FILED BY INDIANFIELDS TOWNSHIP FOR PROPERTY TO BE ANNEXED TO THE CITY OF CARO, TUSCOLA COUNTY

SBC Docket No. 13-AR-1

At a regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Caro, Caro, Michigan, held at the City Hall, Caro, Michigan, on the 18th day of November, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

PRESENT: Mayor Richard Pouliot, Mayor Pro Tem Michael Henry, Joseph Greene, Rick Lipan, Amanda Langmaid, Charlotte Kish, Gordon Taggett.

ABSENT: None.

The following Resolution was offered by Councilperson Michael Henry and supported by Councilperson Joseph Greene.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Indianfields Township (the "Township") has filed an Annexation Petition ("Petition") with the Michigan State Boundary Commission (the "SBC") requesting the annexation of the Indianfields Township Cemetery, located at 350 Ellington Street, Caro, Michigan, consisting of approximately 35.94 acres, to be annexed from the Township to the City of Caro ("Caro");

WHEREAS, the SBC, at its meeting on October 9, 2013, found that the Petition met the legal sufficiency requirements relating to the legal description and mapping required by the State Boundary Commission Act (the "Act");

WHEREAS, the SBC has scheduled a public hearing for December 4, 2013, as required by the Act;

WHEREAS, the SBC has submitted to Caro a criteria questionnaire for annexation;

WHEREAS, on page 16, question 1, the SBC has requested Caro to submit its position on the proposed Annexation;

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Resolution is to summarize the position of Caro acting by and through its City Council, relating to the proposed annexation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City of Caro opposes the annexation requested by the Township for the following reasons:

   A. In the fall of 2009, Caro began discussions with the Township to discuss the division of assets and liabilities as a result of Caro becoming incorporated as a city. During these discussions, Caro and the Township negotiated the assets and liabilities relating to the cemetery which is subject to the annexation petition. The Township filed a declaratory judgment action against Caro, and on June 25, 2012, a Consent Judgment was entered relating to the resolution of the assets and liabilities for division and allocation. The Consent Judgment, which is attached as **Exhibit A**, stated as follows:

   "1. That the respective claims of the Plaintiff and the Defendant which were raised in this case including such claims as could have been raised, pursuant to MCL 117.14, are dismissed with prejudice and without costs."

   It is Caro's position that the issues relating to the cemetery which is subject to the annexation petition were resolved in the above-captioned proceeding, and have

been dismissed with prejudice. Caro maintains that this annexation proceeding is barred by the Consent Judgment.

B. Caro further opposes the Petition of the Township, since the existing cemetery operations have been predetermined by the Township with monies collected and deposited to the Township cemetery fund for such purposes. The use of the property has been established and the property cannot be improved other than to be continued for its present use. There is no governmental purpose which will be advanced by this cemetery transferring from the Township to Caro.

C. Caro has no existing zoning for cemeteries and currently has an existing agreement for cemetery services with Almer Township, at no additional cost to Caro residents. In the event the SBC ordered annexation, there would be an obvious financial hardship to the residents of Caro. The purpose of the SBC is to promote the development and growth of a community through the granting of annexation. The Township Petition would deter growth and development.

D. The Petition filed by the Township does not meet the statutory purposes of the SBC. Water and sewer utilities are available for cemetery operations in the Township, and no change in the status of utilities would occur upon annexation to Caro. Ellington Street is maintained and plowed by Caro, and no additional City services would be provided upon annexation. The roads within the cemetery are private roads, and would not be plowed by the City.

E. Caro understands that the Township has an agreement with the Catholic Cemetery which is located adjacent and contiguous to the existing Township cemetery to

provide cemetery services. The annexation of this property to the City of Caro could adversely affect this Agreement and disrupt existing operations.

2. Caro has been advised by its legal counsel that the Petition for Annexation is legally flawed, and adopts the following additional reasons for its opposition to the Petition:

A. The Township Petition is based upon the application of MCL 117.14 asserting that the SBC should order annexation to force Caro to own, operate, and control the Indianfields Cemetery. MCL 117.14 does not apply, pursuant to MCL 117.9(9), since there is no outstanding bond and indebtedness of the township or village relating to the property proposed to be annexed.

B. MCL 117.14, relating to cemeteries, only applies "whenever a new city shall be incorporated", and not in an annexation proceeding.

C. The Petition for Annexation lacks the requisite statement of required purpose, necessity, and urgency and none exists with the Township operation of the cemetery.

D. The Township Petition, if approved, would result in a cemetery owned by the Township located in Caro, which would be inconsistent with the intent and purposes of the Act.

Yes: Michael Henry, Joseph Greene, Amanda Langmaid, Rick Lipan, Gordon Taggett, Mayor Richard Pouliot.

No: None.

Abstention: Charlotte Kish

Resolution declared approved dated this 18th day of November, 2013.

CITY OF CARO

By Karen Snider
Karen Snider, City Clerk

CERTIFICATE

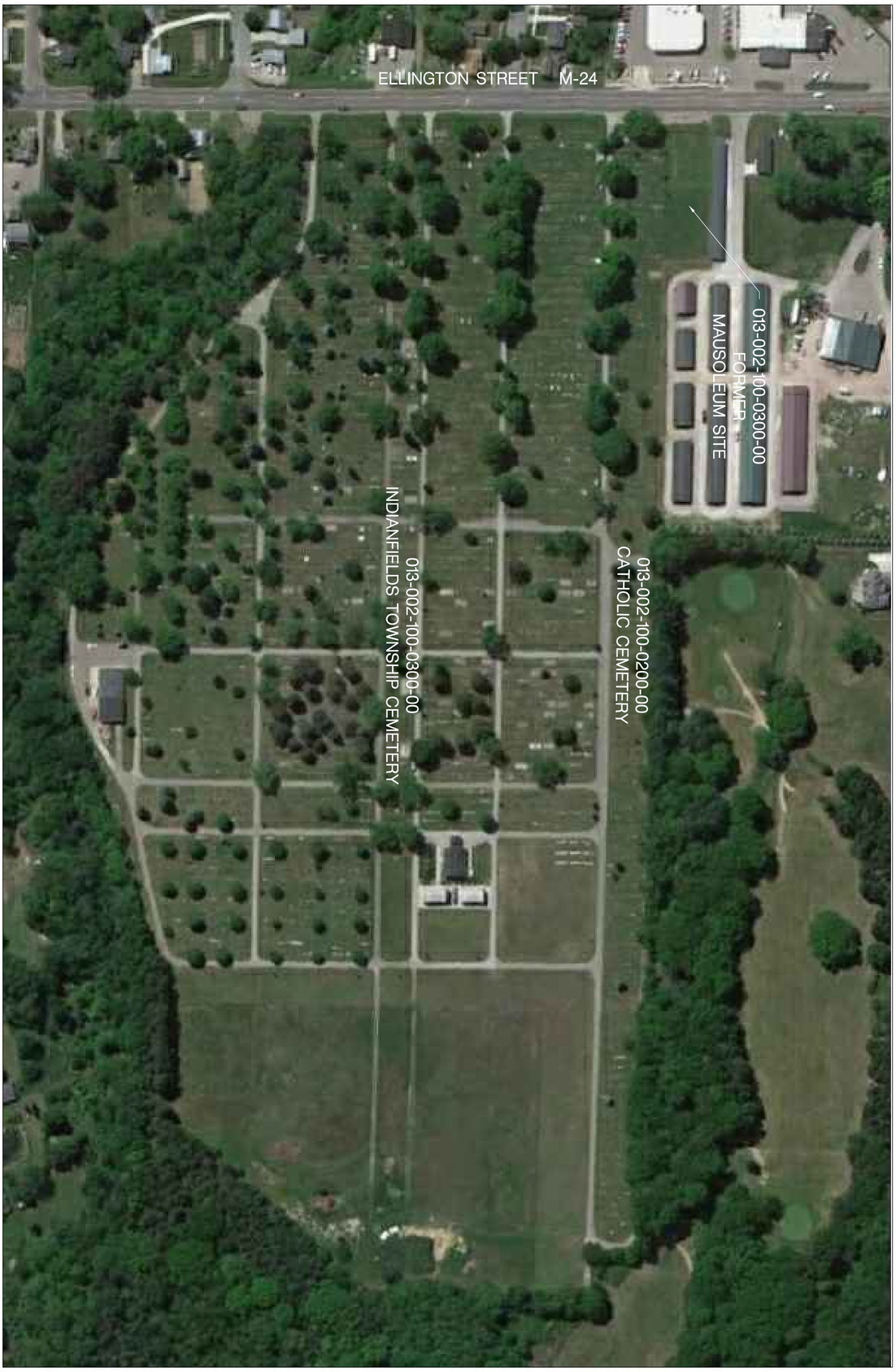
STATE OF MICHIGAN)
)ss
COUNTY OF TUSCOLA)

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the City of Caro, in Tuscola County, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of proceedings taken at a regular meeting of the Council of the City of Caro, held on the 18th day of November, 2013, insofar as the same relates to the Resolution of the Council of the City of Caro to the Annexation Petition Filed by Indianfields Township for Property to be Annexed to the City of Caro, Tuscola County, Michigan, the original of which is on file in my office. Public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with Act 267, Public Acts of 1976, as amended.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature this 18th day of November, 2013.

CITY OF CARO

By Karen Snider
Karen Snider, City Clerk



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INDIANFIELDS TOWNSHIP CEMETERY
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