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State Boundary Commission  
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Dear Commission;

**OFFICE OF LAND SURVEY &  
REMONUMENTATION**

I reviewed the questionnaire that the Township filled out and have the following comments:

City services are paid for by the Taxpayers of the City. The users of the Cemetery (when the parties died) were Township taxpayers when Caro was a Village. The Township received all the income from the plots and services. The same negotiate offer was made to Indianfield Township as was made to Almer Township and they accepted. The City of Caro residents have Cemetery rights with Almer Township or any Cemetery they choose to have services with. Including the Sacred Heart Cemetery that adjoins the Indianfield Township Cemetery. Why should City taxpayers pay to operate a Township requirement?

Then it should work both ways – does the Township pay to maintain the Landfill that the City owns in the Township? They were all Indianfield Township residents when the Dump was operating. Does the Township help pay the operation of the City boat launch that Township resident's use??

Alternatives not mentioned are raise taxes or sell or lease the Cemetery.

What other City pays for Township Obligations??? Did the Township try and get funds from all the other entities were owners live or where their heirs live? What happened to all the funds collected? A few years ago there was a court deal over missing funds by a Township employee.

The road in from of the subject parcel is a State Hwy and not under the City control. County Sheriff and State Police are both located within a mile. City residents pay for refuse collection on our utility bills ---if annexed the Township will need to hook up to the water and sewer and abandoned there well and septic and pay for these services. The Township picks up my refuse at my house in the township now.

The City does not provide snow removal, fall leaf pick-up and road maintenance on private property. Township has refuse collection services now.

The Township does all these services for the other Cemetery and their Parks now --They have equipment and employees now. How many sites are available in the other old filled up cemetery???

Closing comments --- If the reason for annexation is what is stated then the City needs to annex the Sugar Plant that will be paying taxes to the City ---- they receive water and sewer, use the City streets for the product coming in to the plant and being shipped out. Trucks travel through residential streets and the City need to maintain them and keep them clean.

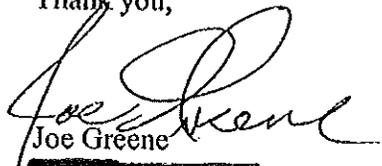
Or go back to when the Village was working at becoming a City and annex all the land north of the river for the South boundary and square off the other sides as the Boundary Commission requested.

By bringing the Cemetery into the City it will split the two Cemeteries and be no benefits to the taxpayers of both Government bodies. If the City ever decides to have a Cemetery it would be in the best interest of the Taxpayer to create a new Caro Cemetery.

Taxpayer of both the City and the Township.

I recommend that this parcel not be annexed into the City of Caro.

Thank you,

  
Joe Greene  
