

d) Under what conditions?

5. If the annexation were approved, what would be the impact on the city, the township, and the greater community?

6. If the annexation were denied, what would be the impact on the city, the township, and the greater community?

SUBMITTED OR PREPARED BY:

Douglas K. Terry, City Manager

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1. **a) Why is annexation necessary or desirable at this time?**

Ms. Laura Brubaker property owner made this request by petition to the City of Litchfield City Council and feels the business will benefit by growing in the future through the city's availability of financial help with development grants and through city services. The City of Litchfield desires and feels it is of extreme importance to keep the golf course a viable business now and in the future.

b) Have you reviewed other alternative that might accomplish your goals without annexation?

On Monday, July 1, 2013, Litchfield Township Supervisor, Mike Burns and Litchfield Township Planning Commission Chairman, Mr. Blonde met with City of Litchfield Officials being, Mayor, Edwin Smith and City Manager, Douglas K. Terry to discuss the request for a Public Act 425 agreement with regards to the described property. Discussion concerning PA 425 quickly diminished when it was identified that the Litchfield Township wanted to levy mills right along with the City of Litchfield's levy of mills.

c) What are these alternatives?

PA 425

d) Why were they rejected?

Litchfield Township had indicated that they would still desire to continue to levy all of the mills in township taxes. Currently the Litchfield Township levy's 3.82 mills on a taxable value of \$156,720 which generates revenue of \$598.67; the City of Litchfield upon annexation would levy 13 mills on a taxable value \$156,720 which would generate revenue of \$2037.36. Litchfield Township is not able to provide the level of services that the City of Litchfield can provide.

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2. a) If annexation is accomplished, will the existing land use change? No

b) If yes, how will it change: N/A

c) How soon can this change be expected? N/A

3. a) What governmental services are currently being provided to the area proposed for annexation? The City of Litchfield and Litchfield Township currently have a joint Fire Department and the City of Litchfield provides police services upon request from the Hillsdale County Sheriff's Department.

b) From which jurisdiction? Yes, Joint City and Township Fire Department and County Sheriff Enforcement.

4. a) What new or additional governmental services do you expect to be made available if the land is annexed?

Municipal Law enforcement, water and sanitary sewer services which are available right away which make the area more eligible for future development and will help to further protect environmental sites at the golf course and the surrounding river area, not only as the property is presently developed and used but also in the event of future developments in the event of annexation this will help with future planning and economical assistance.

b) Are these services available without annexation? No

c) From which jurisdiction? N/A

d) Under what conditions? N/A

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5. If the annexation were approved, what would be the impact on the city, township, and the greater community?

Upon annexation approval the present ongoing commercial use would be stabilized and future developments would be more probable. This is extremely important not only to the city but also to the surrounding area as the golf course provides not only an area for recreation and socialization but is currently the only restaurant in town which allows for business as well as social meetings both private and public.

6. If the annexation were denied, what would be the impact on the city, the township, and the greater community?

Possible closure of the golf course which has the only local family restaurant at the present time.

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