

III. The Board further finds that on balance, the general good of the territory proposed to be annexed will be served, benefits to the territory proposed to be annexed and the surrounding area will outweigh the detriments to the territory proposed to be amended and the surrounding area, if the annexation is granted. As used...here..."surrounding area" means the territory within the unincorporated area of any township located one-half mile or less from any of the territory proposed to be annexed.

Said finding was supported by the evidence that:

On balance, the general good of the territory proposed to be annexed, is served because of the availability of certain city services to those areas, including sewers, fire, police and there is also benefits to the area to be annexed and the surrounding areas and those benefits outweigh the detriments due to the availability of utilities.

It could not be done at this point, because it would have been an increase of territory, not permitted by the statute. The annexation will provide benefit to the surrounding area through the enhancement of value of properties in the surrounding area. Final condition which we believe that has been met, is no street or highway will be divided between the Township and the municipality as to creating maintenance issues; and

IV. The Board further finds that;

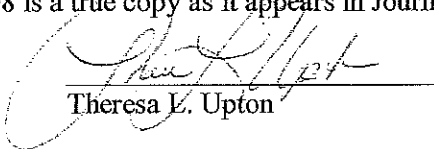
Said finding was supported by the evidence based upon stipulated testimony of Attorney Bruening, acting on behalf of Agent James N. Taylor and there were no oppositions presented by the Township Trustees; that.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that;

- I. Based upon the findings of fact that all the conditions of annexation as contained in Revised Code 709.033 have been met the petition for annexation as presented is granted and incorporating the items of the annexation agreement between Township and the Village of Grafton
- II. The Clerk be directed to enter this resolution upon the journal of the Board and send a certified copy to James N. Taylor, Agent for petitioners, Clerk of Grafton Village, and the Clerk of Township
- III. The Clerk, if no appeal is filed within thirty days of journalization of this resolution, be directed to deliver a certified copy of the entire record to the Clerk to the Village.

Motion by Blair, seconded by Kokoski to adopt Resolution. Ayes: All
Motion carried. _____ (discussion was held on the above)

I, Theresa L. Upton, Clerk to the Lorain County Board of Commissioners do hereby certify that the above Resolution No. 05-408 is a true copy as it appears in Journal No. 05 on date of May 19, 2005.


Theresa L. Upton