

Mr. DiSpirto thanked the Board for this opportunity and said City Council and the Administration consider Welcome Nursing Home a very long standing, successful and extremely valuable part of the community. He is very excited about this expansion and their services to the community from generations have been very happy and very much in support for this annexation. April 18, City Council approved an Ordinance to provide the necessary utilities for this expanded service.

Agent Taylor asked the following;

- 1) Please state your name, position and address;  
Jill Wessell Herron, Administrator/Owner, Welcome Nursing Home, currently reside at 6799 Cliffside Drive, Vermilion
- 2) Besides being Administrator of Nursing Home are you one of the principles in one of the limited liability company owning the property across the street that has been requested for annexation.  
Mrs. Herron said this is correct
- 3) Is the LLC a Limited Liability Company with your siblings  
Mrs. Herron said correct, three sisters

Agent Taylor had Attorney Bruening display the plans of the proposed expansion of Welcome Home Nursing Home.

- 4) What will be constructed  
Mrs. Herron said currently Welcome Nursing Home is 108 beds skilled nursing facility; Medicare/Medicaid approved. There are many people that need long term care in a nursing home environment but there is a large population of people that did not need nursing home placement so they have continued to look into the development of assisted and independent living. Working with a development company out of Springfield, Ohio that has a lot of experience in this field. Through a feasibility study and lots of meetings, they have come up with assisted living that would accommodate 26 – 28 residents with a focus on assisted or Alzheimer's or memory dementia as well as, frail elderly with ability to divide separately with people that are on the memory deficit side don't necessary have to intermingle with those people that are just frail and can't take care of themselves independently. The feasibility study showed there was a need for more independent housing for cottage style houses so this proposal that is being shown shows 51 independent units; like duplex's and tripods to accommodate some single family homes but not very many. She believes there is a need out there and they are only providing services to one side of the long term and would like to expand their services to the Oberlin area as well as the greater Lorain County area.
- 5) Will this be done in phases.  
Mrs. Herron said yes, the assisted living will go up with one building, with a potential of a third wing, not sure yet, and the independent cottages will be built overtime, when interest and people decide to move.