

1. Signatures are of "owners" of property.
  2. Were not obtained more than 180 days before the date the petition was filed.
  3. Constitute a majority of the owners of the territory proposed for annexation.
- C. The Village of Grafton to which the territory is proposed to be annexed has complied with divisions (D) of section 709.03 of the Revised Code, the requirement to adopt by ordinance or resolution a statement indicating what services will be provided upon annexation and approximate date the services will be provided.
- D. No street or highway will be divided or segmented by the boundary line between Grafton Township and the Village of Grafton as to create a road maintenance problem, or, if a street or highway be so divided or segmented, the Village of Grafton has agreed, as a condition of the annexation, that it will assume the maintenance of that street or highway. For the purposes of division, "street" or "highway" has the same meaning as in section 4511.01 of the Revised Code.

II. The Board further finds the territory to be annexed is not unreasonably large based upon stipulated testimony of Agent Bond that:

Said finding was supported by the evidence that:

The territory is not unreasonable large and 0.630 acres is not the largest territory this Board of Commissioners has permitted an annexation to occur. The municipality of Grafton will be able to provide services to the territory, they are not undertaking something that is unreasonable large, the shape and geographic features of the territory proposed to be annexed are regular and not unusual and are not creating any islands or peninsulas. The removal of the territory from the Township will not create a situation that the tax base of the Township to be so eroded or depleted so as to not permit the Township to continue on and provide goods and services to the township residents.

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 annexed 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.