



# Town of White

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Date: January 22, 2019

To: Office of Administrative Hearings

From: Jodi Knaus, Town Manager *JK*

RE: Town of White Resolution 2020-001

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Attached you will find Resolution 2020-001 Opposing Petition to Detach Property from the City of Biwabik to the Town of White passed unanimously at the Board of Supervisors meeting held on January 13, 2020. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me in the office at (218) 229-2813, by e-mail at [Jodi.Knaus@townofwhite.com](mailto:Jodi.Knaus@townofwhite.com) or by cell at (218) 410-3789. Have a great day!!

**WHITE TOWNSHIP  
ST. LOUIS COUNTY  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING PETITION TO DETACH PROPERTY  
FROM THE CITY OF BIWABIK TO THE TOWN OF WHITE**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 001**

**WHEREAS**, Property owners owning property in the Voyageurs Retreat development located in the City of Biwabik have petitioned the Office of Administrative Hearings to detach multiple properties consisting of approximately 2,639 acres of land (“Properties”) from the City of Biwabik to the Town of White; and

**WHEREAS**, said properties were annexed from the Town of White to the City of Biwabik via an orderly annexation agreement entered into by the Town and City in 2002 (“OAA”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Town and City entered into the OAA after lengthy negotiations and due consideration by both parties; and

**WHEREAS**, the OAA represented the settlement of a disputed annexation between the Town and City;

**WHEREAS**, the City has installed municipal water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer and street improvements to many of the Properties in reliance on the terms of the OAA; and

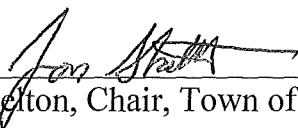
**WHEREAS**, the Town has no issue with the level of services the City is providing to the Properties; and

**WHEREAS**, it would be a duplication of services and a waste of taxpayer dollars for the Town to disconnect the Properties from the City’s utility lines and run new Town utility lines to serve such Properties if such Properties were detached to the Town; and

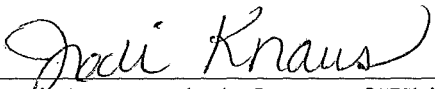
**WHEREAS**, the Town intends to honor its obligations as set forth in the OAA; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, for the reasons set forth above, the Town of White hereby opposes the detachment of the Properties from the City of Biwabik pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 414.06.

**Date:** January 13, 2020

  
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Jon Skelton, Chair, Town of White

**Attest:**

  
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Jodi Knaus, Clerk, Town of White