

**NEW SCANDIA TOWNSHIP
RESOLUTION NO. 12-20-05-02**

**RESOLUTION OF THE NEW SCANDIA TOWN BOARD PETITIONING THE
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION FOR THE INCORPORATION
OF NEW SCANDIA TOWNSHIP**

WHEREAS, the Town Board of New Scandia Township, Washington County (the "Town") has determined to seek incorporation of the Town pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §414.02; and

WHEREAS, the matter of incorporation was referred to a committee for study and the committee has met and researched the issues pertaining to incorporation for a period of 18 months; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has retained planning and fiscal consultants to advise it on the issues of incorporation; and

WHEREAS, the incorporation committee has conducted public informational meetings and the Town Board has conducted a public hearing to inform the Town residents of the benefits of incorporation; and

WHEREAS, the area proposed for incorporation is as follows:

The entire Town of New Scandia, Washington County, Minnesota as described on Exhibit A attached; and

WHEREAS, the area proposed for incorporation is presently not within the limits of a municipality; and

WHEREAS, the area subject to incorporation includes land which has been platted into lots and blocks; and

WHEREAS, the Town is located within the Seven County Metropolitan Area and is subject to the rules and regulations of the Metropolitan Council; and

WHEREAS, the Town has prepared its own comprehensive plan and amendments thereto as required by state law and the Metropolitan Council; and

WHEREAS, said plans have been approved by the Metropolitan Council; and

WHEREAS, the Town has adopted its own zoning and subdivision regulations in conformance with its Comprehensive Plan, but remains subject to the zoning and subdivision regulations of Washington County; and

WHEREAS, the Town is an urban township with many of the powers of a municipality pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §368.01 et. seq. and yet the Town is subject to certain rules and regulations of a rural township pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §365.01 et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Town has a population of approximately 3,970 persons and is expected to reach a population of 5,000 persons between 2017 and 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Town has a population exceeding 10 cities in Washington County and, if incorporated, would rank in the top one third of all cities in the State of Minnesota in population; and

WHEREAS, the primary land use of the Town is changing from agricultural to residential and rural residential uses; and

WHEREAS, the Town has a number of intensely developed old plats and a significant number of new residential plats including plats with cluster developments; and

WHEREAS, the Town has a long standing village center with an industrial park, commercial businesses, professional services and governmental buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Town has its own fully equipped and staffed fire department furnishing fire fighting and rescue services to the Town and to a part of an adjacent town and, by mutual aid agreements, to other municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Town contracts with the Washington County Sheriff's Office for police services; and

WHEREAS, the Town has a community center staffed with full and part time personnel furnishing municipal administrative services to the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town contracts with a building official and issues its own building permits; and

WHEREAS, the Town has a public works department to maintain its public facilities and 95 miles of town roads; and

WHEREAS, the Town has a variety of park, recreation and open space comprising approximately 7.5% of its land mass; and

WHEREAS, the Town has many significant natural features including the St. Croix River and Big Marine Lake which require oversight by the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town is bounded on its westerly side by the City of Forest Lake which has been involved in numerous annexation and incorporation procedures over the past 15 years; and

WHEREAS, incorporation would allow the Town to maintain the integrity of its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Town has an annual budget in excess of \$1,300,000.00 per year; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has five members operating in the manner of a city council; and

WHEREAS, the Town has 25,447 acres and is the largest political subdivision in Washington County; and

WHEREAS, the size and natural features of the Town allows it to both maintain its rural character and permit additional commercial and industrial development; and

WHEREAS, incorporation would allow the Town to utilize economic development tools such as tax increment financing and an economic development authority; and

WHEREAS, the Town is the site of major state and county roads such as State Highways 95 and 97 and County Roads 3 and 15; and

WHEREAS, such highways and roads have ever increasing traffic by virtue of the Town's location between major cities in the metropolitan area and the State of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, upon reaching a population of 5,000 persons the Town, if incorporated, would be eligible for State Aid Road Funds in an estimated amount of \$225,000.00 under present formulas; and

WHEREAS, the Town has the ability, talent and resources to govern itself and to determine its own destiny without Washington County oversight.


NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Town of New Scandia, Washington County, Minnesota, that:

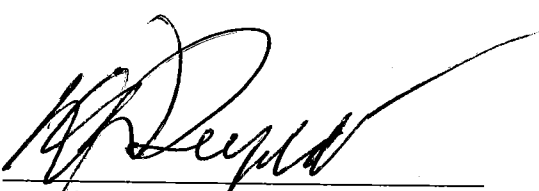
1. The Town Board of New Scandia Township hereby requests that the Town of New Scandia be incorporated.
2. The Town Board requests the Minnesota Department of Administration, Municipal Boundary Adjustment Office to hold a public hearing pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §414.09 on the question of the incorporation of the Town.
3. The subject area of the Township proposed for incorporation is the entire Town and is legally described on Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. A map showing the subject area is attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference.
4. The proposed name of the new municipality is New Scandia.

5. The Following parties are entitled to notice pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §414.09:
 - A. New Scandia Township, c/o Ms. Dolores Peterson, Town Clerk, 14727 209th Street North, P. O. Box 128, Scandia, MN 55073;
 - B. City of Marine on St. Croix, c/o Ms. Lynette Peterson, City Clerk, 121 Judd, Marine On St. Croix, MN 55047;
 - C. Town of May, c/o Ms. Linda Klein, Town Clerk, 13519 May Avenue North, Stillwater, MN 55082;
 - D. City of Hugo, c/o Ms. Mary Ann Creager, 14669 Fitzgerald Avenue North, Hugo, MN 55038;
 - E. City of Forest Lake, c/o Mr. Charles P. Robinson, City Administrator, 220 North Lake Street, Forest Lake, MN 55025;
 - F. Franconia Township, c/o Mr. John A. Jackson, Town Clerk, 19073 Franconia Trail, Shafer, MN 55074;
 - G. Chisago Lakes Township, c/o Ms. Eleanor Trippler, Town Clerk, P. O. Box 649, Lindstrom, MN 55045;
 - H. Metropolitan Council, c/o Mr. James Uttley, AICP Planning Analyst, Planning and Growth Management Dept., Mears Park Center, 230 East 5th Street, St. Paul, MN 55101;
 - I. Washington County, c/o Ms. Myra Peterson, Chairperson, Washington County Board, Office of Administration, P. O. Box 6, Stillwater, MN 55082-0006.
6. The Town Attorney is hereby directed to file this Resolution with the Minnesota Department of Administration, Municipal Boundary Adjustments Office, for incorporation of the Town pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §414.02 and to mail a copy of this Resolution to all of the parties entitled to notice listed above.

Passed and adopted by the Town Board of New Scandia Township this 20th day of December, 2005.

ATTEST


 Dolores Peterson, Town Clerk


 Dennis D. Seefeldt, Chairman

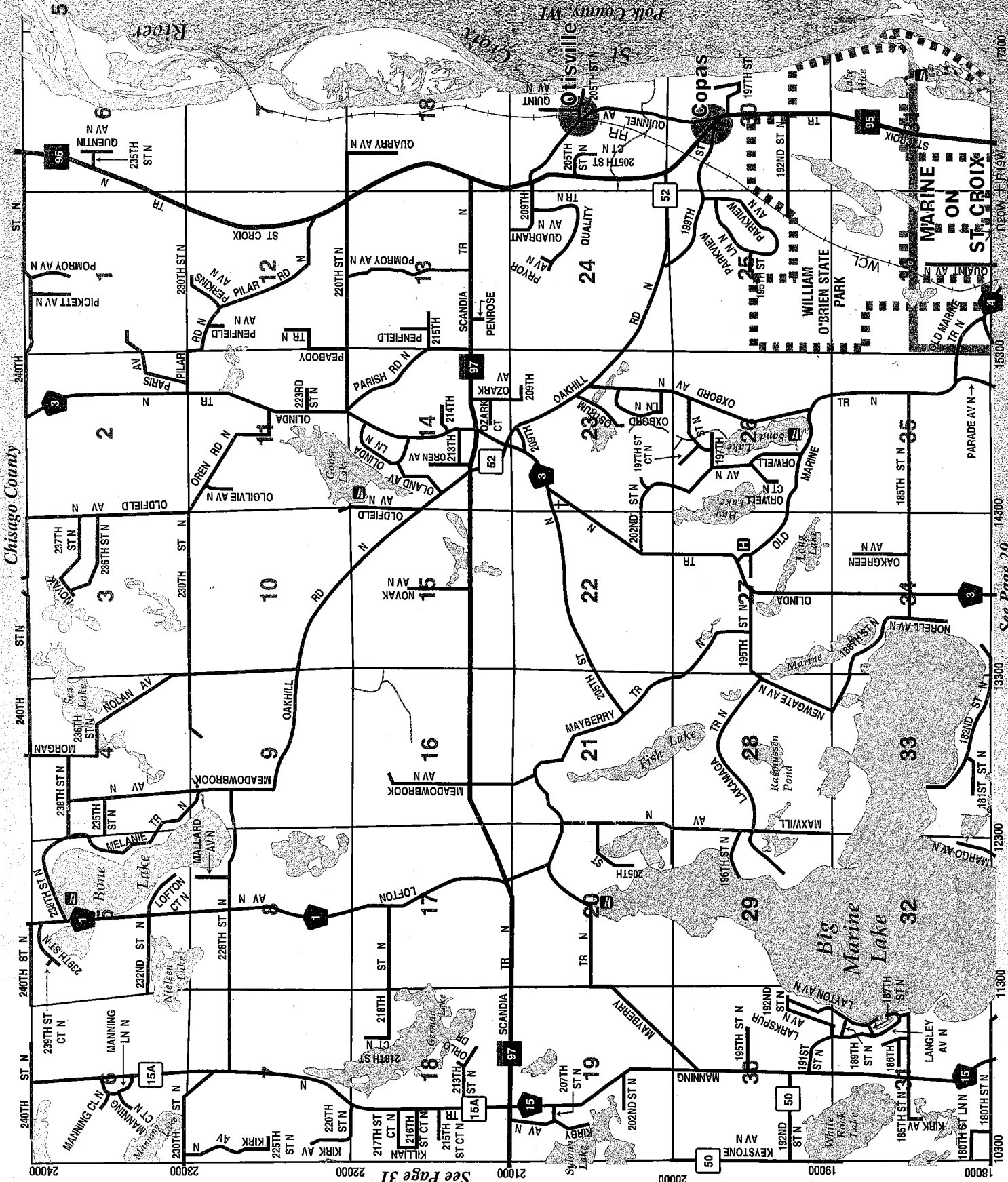
Sections 1 through 36, Township 32 North, Range 20 West, Washington County, Minnesota except that part of Section 36 lying within the corporate boundary of the City of Marine on St. Croix, Minnesota

and

All those parts of Sections 5, 6, 7, 17, 18, 19, 30, 31 and 32, Township 32 North, Range 19 West lying within Washington county, Minnesota except those parts of Sections 31 and 32 lying within the corporate boundary of the City of Marine on St. Croix, Minnesota.

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Exhibit B

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