

BEFORE THE MUNICIPAL BOARD
OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

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Dr. William Merritt	Ex-Officio Member

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT RESOLUTION)	
BETWEEN THE CITY OF MARSHALL AND THE)	
TOWN OF LAKE MARSHALL FOR THE ORDERLY)	
ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN LAND TO THE CITY)	<u>FINDINGS OF FACT,</u>
OF MARSHALL)	<u>CONCLUSIONS OF LAW,</u>
	<u>AND ORDER</u>

The above-entitled matter came on for hearing before the Minnesota Municipal Board pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 414, as amended, on May 11, 1979, at Marshall, Minnesota. The hearing was conducted by Terrence A. Merritt, Executive Director, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 414.01, Subd. 12. The City of Marshall appeared by and through George Harrelson, the Township of Lake Marshall appeared by and through Cal Fuhrmann. Testimony was heard, and records and exhibits were received.

After due and careful consideration of all evidence, together with all records, files and proceedings, the Minnesota Municipal Board hereby makes and files the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- I. That a joint resolution for orderly annexation was adopted by the City of Marshall and the Township of Lake Marshall on March 4, 1974 and duly accepted by the Minnesota Municipal Board.
- II. A resolution was filed by one of the signatories to the joint resolution, the City of Marshall, on January 15, 1979 requesting annexation of certain properties within the orderly annexation area. The resolution contained all the information required by statute including a description of the territory subject to this annexation which is as follows:

A tract of land located in the Northwest Quarter of Section 10, Township 111 North, Range 41 West, County of Lyon, State of Minnesota, described as follows:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Northwest Quarter thence North 89°52'36" East, assumed bearing along the North line of the Northwest Quarter 662.35 feet to the Northeast corner of the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence South 00°43'13" East parallel with the East line of Nuese Addition to the City of Marshall as platted and recorded in the office of the County Recorder of said Lyon County 1,473.23 feet to a point on the North line of the Holy Redeemer Cemetery thence North 89°56'39" West along said North line 342.35 feet; thence North

00°43'13" West along the East line of said Nuese Addition 956.00 feet to the Northeast corner of said Nuese Addition; thence South 89°16'47" West along the North line of said Nuese Addition 195.00 feet; thence North 00°43'13" West parallel with said East line 100.00 feet; thence South 89°16'47" West parallel with said North line 125.00 feet; thence North 00°43'13" West 419.50 feet to the Point of beginning.

III. Due, timely and adequate legal notice of the hearing was published, served and filed.

IV. Geographic Features

- A. The area subject to annexation is unincorporated and abuts the City of Marshall.
- B. The total area of the City of Marshall is approximately 4,168 square miles. The total area of the territory subject to this annexation is approximately 15.09 acres.
- C. The perimeter of the area to be annexed is 50% bordered by the municipality.
- D. The natural terrain of the area, including general topography, major watersheds, soil conditions, rivers, lakes and major bluffs is:
Flat agricultural land with clay-loam type soils.

V. Population Data

- A. The City of Marshall:
 - 1. In 1970, there were 9,886 residents.
 - 2. The present estimated population is 10,215.
 - 3. By 2000, the projected population is 14,880.
- B. The area subject to annexation:
 - 1. In 1979, there were 0 residents.
 - 2. The present estimated population is 0.
 - 3. By 2000, the projected population is 100.
- C. The Township of Lake Marshall:
 - 1. In 1970, there were 759 residents.
 - 2. The present estimated population is 759.
 - 3. By 2000, the projected population is 750.

VI. Development Issues

- A. The pattern of physical development, including land already in use, in the process of being developed, and remaining for various uses.
 - 1. Area in Use
 - a. In The City of Marshall:
 - 1) Residential: 1,290 acres
 - 2) Institutional: 1,500 acres
 - 3) Commercial: 269 acres
 - 4) Industrial: 552 acres
 - 5) Agricultural: 279 acres
 - 6) Vacant land: 220 acres

b. In the area subject to annexation:

- 1) Agricultural and about to become urban or suburban: 15.09 acres

c. In the Township of Lake Marshall:

- 1) Residential: 40 acres
- 2) Commercial: 10 acres
- 3) Industrial: 100 acres
- 4) Agricultural: 18,654 acres

2. Area Being Developed

a. In the City of Marshall:

- 1) Residential: 95 acres
- 2) Commercial: 5 acres

b. In the area subject to annexation:

- 1) Residential: 15.09 acres

c. In the Township of Lake Marshall: no activity

3. Area Remaining for Various Uses

a. In the City of Marshall:

- 1) Residential: 48 acres
- 2) Institutional: 26 acres
- 3) Commercial: 115 acres
- 4) Industrial: 182 acres
- 5) Agricultural: 279 acres

b. In the area subject to annexation

- 1) Residential: 15.09 acres

c. In the Township of Lake Marshall: not applicable as it would require special land use actions.

B. Transportation

1. The present transportation network is:

a) In the City of Marshall:

- 1) Commuter airline
- 2) Bus line
- 3) Railroads
- 4) Highways
- 5) Taxi

b) In the area subject to annexation: same as City of Marshall

2. There are no potential transportation issues.

C. Land use controls and planning, including comprehensive plans, in the city and the area subject to annexation:

1. In the City of Marshall:

- a. Zoning: yes
- b. Subdivision Regulations: yes
- c. Comprehensive Plan: yes
- d. Official Map: yes
- e. Capital Improvements Program: yes
- f. Fire Code: yes
- g. Building Inspector: yes
- h. Planning Commission: yes

2. In the Township of Lake Marshall:

- a. Zoning: yes
- b. Subdivision Regulations: no
- c. Comprehensive Plan: no
- d. Official Map: no
- e. Capital Improvements Program: no
- f. Fire Code: no
- g. Building Inspector: no
- h. Planning Commission: no
- i. Other: no

3. In the County of Lyon:

- a. Zoning: yes
- b. Subdivision Regulations: yes
- c. Comprehensive Plan: no
- d. Official Map: no
- e. Capital Improvements Program: no
- f. Fire Code: no
- g. Building Inspector: yes
- h. Planning Commission: yes

4. There is no inconsistency between the proposed development and the planning and land use controls for the area.

VII. Governmental Services

A. The Town of Lake Marshall provides the area subject to annexation with the following services:

- 1. Water: no
- 2. Sewer: no
- 3. Fire protection and rating: yes (contract with Marshall)
- 4. Police protection: yes (county sheriff)
- 5. Street improvements: no
- 6. Street maintenance: yes
- 7. Recreational: no
- 8. Administrative services: Town Board
- 9. Other: ambulance (contract with Marshall)

B. The City of Marshall provides its residents with the following services:

- 1. Water: yes
- 2. Sewer: yes
- 3. Fire protection and rating: yes
- 4. Police protection: yes
- 5. Street improvements: yes
- 6. Street maintenance: yes
- 7. Recreational: yes
- 8. Administrative services: yes

C. The City of Marshall provides the area subject to annexation with the following services:

- 1. Water: no
- 2. Sewer: no
- 3. Fire protection and rating: yes (contract with township)
- 4. Police protection: no
- 5. Street improvements: no
- 6. Street maintenance: no
- 7. Recreational: no
- 8. Administrative services: no
- 9. Other: ambulance (contract with township)

D. There are neither existing or potential environmental problems.

- E. Plans and programs by the annexing municipality to provide needed governmental services for the area proposed for annexation include: the construction of city water, sewer, and streets, with the streets presently under construction with completion in 1979.
- F. The following services will be available to the annexed area within three years: sewer, water, and streets.

VIII. Tax Base

- A. In the City of Marshall, the tax base includes the following:
 - 1. Residential property in 1978 was valued at \$20,301,058 generating \$482,150.13 in taxes or 59.9% of the total.
 - 2. Commercial property in 1978 was valued at \$10,082,554, generating \$239,460.66 in taxes or 29.75% of the total.
 - 3. Industrial property in 1978 was valued at \$2,029,127, generating \$48,191.77 in taxes or 5.99% of the total.
 - 4. Agricultural property in 1978 was valued at \$229,061, generating \$5,440.20 in taxes or .0068% of the total.
 - 5. Vacant land in 1978 was valued at \$423,937, generating \$10,068.50 in taxes or 1.25% of the total.
 - 6. Public utilities in 1978 was valued at \$82,222, generating \$1,952.77 in taxes or .0024% of the total.
 - 7. Personal property in 1978 was valued at \$741,900, generating \$17,620.13 in taxes or .0219% of the total.
 - 8. Non-taxable property: in 1974 the total tax exempt was listed at an estimated market value of \$480,477,785.00.
- B. In the Township of Lake Marshall the tax base includes the following:
 - 1. Residential property in 1978 was valued at \$655,119, generating \$0 in taxes.
 - 2. Commercial property in 1978 was valued at \$407,511, generating \$0 in taxes.
 - 3. Agricultural land in 1978 was valued at \$2,591,404, generating \$0 in taxes.
 - 4. Vacant land in 1978 was valued at \$5,203, generating \$0 in taxes.
 - 5. Public utilities in 1978 was valued at \$471,596, generating \$0 in taxes.
 - 6. Personal property in 1978 was valued at \$101,366, generating \$0 in taxes.
- C. In the area subject to annexation, the tax base includes the following:
 - 1. Agricultural property in 1978 was valued at \$8,390. generating \$0 in taxes.

IX. Tax Data

- A. In the City of Marshall:
 - 1. Mill rate in 1978 was 22.48.
 - 2. Bonded indebtedness in 1978 was \$14,335,000.
- B. In the Township of Lake Marshall:
 - 1. Mill rate in 1978 was 0.
 - 2. Bonded indebtedness in 1978 was 0.

- C. In the area subject to annexation:
 - 1. Mill rate in 1978 was 0.
 - 2. Bonded indebtedness in 1978 was 0.
- D. Mill rate in Marshall for the various assessing units:
 - 1. County in 1978 was 19.73.
 - 2. School district in 1978 was 47.15.
 - 3. Township in 1978 was 0.
- X. The annexation to the City of Marshall is the best alternative.
 - A. There is no adverse effect from the proposed annexation upon the area school district and on adjacent communities.
 - B. The town government is able to deliver services to the area proposed for annexation in its rural state but with the change to an urban area, the town government is inadequate to deliver the needed services.
 - C. The necessary governmental services can not best be provided by incorporation or annexation to an adjacent municipality.
 - D. Present assessed valuation of the Town of Lake Marshall: \$4,232,199.

Present assessed valuation of proposed annexation area: \$8,390.

New valuation of the Town of Lake Marshall if entire area is annexed: \$4,223,909.
 - E. Lake Marshall Township can continue to function without the area subject to annexation.
- XI. The annexation is consistent with the joint agreement in that: the area is developing and in need of urban services.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- I. The Minnesota Municipal Board duly acquired and now has jurisdiction of the within proceeding.
- II. The area subject to annexation is now or is about to become urban or suburban in nature and the annexing municipality is capable of providing services required by the area within a reasonable time.
- III. The existing township form of government is not adequate to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.
- IV. The annexation would be in the best interests of the area proposed for annexation.
- V. The annexation does not conflict with terms of the joint agreement.
- VI. Three years will be required to effectively provide full municipal services to the annexed area.
- VII. An order should be issued by the Minnesota Municipal Board annexing the area described herein.

O R D E R

I. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: That the property described herein situated in the County of Lyon, State of Minnesota, be and the same is hereby annexed to the City of Marshall, Minnesota, the same as if it had been originally made a part thereof:

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II. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That the mill levy of the City of Marshall on the property herein ordered annexed shall be increased in substantially equal proportions over a period of 3 years to equality with the mill levy of the property already within the City.

III. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That the effective date of this order is June 25th, 1979.

Dated this 25th day of June, 1979.

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