

BEFORE THE MUNICIPAL BOARD
OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA

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Shirley J. Mihelich	Commissioner
Douglas Krueger	Ex-Officio Member
Harley Boettcher	Ex-Officio Member

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT RESOLUTION)
 BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROCHESTER AND THE)
 TOWN OF CASCADE FOR THE ORDERLY)
 ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN LAND TO THE)
 CITY OF ROCHESTER)

FINDINGS OF FACT
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
AND ORDER

The above-entitled matter came on for hearing before the Minnesota Municipal Board pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 414, as amended, on July 31, 1985, at Rochester, Minnesota. The hearing was conducted by Terrence A. Merritt, Executive Director, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 414.01, Subdivision 12. Also in attendance were Kenneth F. Sette, Chairman, and County Commissioners Douglas Krueger and Harley Boettcher, Ex-Officio Members of the Board. The City of Rochester appeared by and through Frederick Suhler, Jr., City Attorney, and the Town of Cascade appeared by and through Stanley Hunter, Town Board Chairman. 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

1. A joint resolution for orderly annexation was adopted by the City of Rochester and the Town of Cascade and duly accepted by the Minnesota Municipal Board.

2. A resolution was filed by one of the signatories to the joint resolution, the City of Rochester, on May 31, 1985 requesting the annexation of certain property within the orderly annexation area. The resolution contained all of the information required by statute including a description of the property subject to annexation, which is as follows:

A part of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 33, Township 107 North, Range 14 West, Olmsted County, Minnesota, described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of said Southeast Quarter; thence South 88 degrees 21 minutes 46 seconds East, assumed bearing along the South line of said Southeast Quarter, 813.80 feet; thence North 14 degrees 24 minutes 43 seconds East, 739.30 feet to the centerline of CSAH #34; thence North 65 degrees 06 minutes 49 seconds West, along said centerline, 120.90 feet; thence Westerly 909.66 feet, along said centerline and along a tangential curve concave Southerly, central angle of 40 degrees 56 minutes 05 seconds, radius of 1,273.24 feet, the chord of which curve bears North 85 degrees 34 minutes 51 seconds West, with a chord length of 890.44 feet to the west line of said Southeast Quarter; thence South 00 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, along said West line, 812.27 feet to the point of beginning.

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

4. The area subject to annexation is unincorporated, within the orderly annexation agreement area, approximately 17.57 acres in size, and abuts the City of Rochester for approximately 21% of its perimeter. The City of Rochester is approximately 22.26 square miles in size.

5. The Town of Cascade has a total area of approximately 23.2 square miles.

6. There are no public waters located on the area proposed for annexation. The annexation area is wooded along its steeply sloping hillsides. On top of the hill is a field used for agricultural purposes.

7. In 1970 the City of Rochester had a population of 53,766, its

population in 1980 was 57,890, and its 1983 population was 59,575.

8. The Town of Cascade had a population of 2,442 in 1970, a population of 2,384 in 1980, and a population of 2,491 in 1983.

9. The area proposed for annexation has a present population of zero and it is projected to have a future population of approximately 160 persons.

10. The City of Rochester has approximately 6,400 acres in residential use, approximately 2,112 acres in institutional and park use, approximately 712 acres in commercial use, approximately 1,206 acres in industrial use, and approximately 1,247 acres in agricultural use and vacant land.

In the City of Rochester, there remains land planned for approximately 700 acres of residential use, approximately 258 acres for commercial use, and approximately 250 acres for industrial use.

11. In Cascade Township, land is zoned as follows: approximately 1,536 acres for residential use, approximately 112 acres for commercial use, approximately 346 acres for industrial use, and approximately 12,505 acres for agricultural use.

12. Presently, approximately 10 to 12 acres of the annexation area are usable for agricultural purposes. Approximately 1.18 acres of the annexation area is a public right-of-way. The remainder of the land is wooded.

13. The City of Rochester has issued 1,138 building permits in 1980, 990 in 1981, 1,191 in 1982, 1,707 in 1983, 1,626 in 1984, and 836 through June, 1985.

14. The Town of Cascade has issued 19 building permits in 1980, 27 in 1981, 29 in 1982, 52 in 1983, 42 in 1984, and 10 in 1985.

15. The City of Rochester has a zoning ordinance, subdivision regulations, shoreland and floodplain regulations, an official mapping

program, the Uniform Building Code, the Minnesota Plumbing Code, the NFPA Fire Code, and capital improvement and budget program.

16. Olmsted County has a zoning regulation, subdivision, shoreland and floodplain regulations, an official mapping program, a building code, the Minnesota Plumbing Code, sanitation ordinances, Human Services Programs, and the capital improvement and budget program.

17. Cascade Township has no independent land use planning document.

18. The 1978 General Land Use Plan for the Olmsted County area adopted by Olmsted County designates the area proposed for annexation in the "Potential Urban Service Area" of the City of Rochester. The future land use plan map designates the area proposed for annexation as low density residential use.

19. The area proposed for annexation is presently zoned A-4 (Agricultural Urban Expansion) under the Olmsted County Zoning Ordinance.

20. If annexed, the area will automatically be zoned R-1 (Single Family Residential).

21. This annexation is consistent with the local comprehensive plans.

22. The City of Rochester provides its residents with water, sanitary sewer, waste water treatment, storm sewer, fire protection, police protection, street improvements and maintenance, administrative services, recreational opportunities and library services.

23. The city is willing to provide the area proposed for annexation with all of the services it presently provides residents of the City of Rochester.

24. Cascade Township provides the area proposed for annexation with fire protection and street improvements and maintenance.

25. The City of Rochester has 205.37 miles of improved roads as follows: 12.3 miles of Trunk Highway, 8.82 miles of County State Aid Highway, and

184.25 miles of local streets.

26. Cascade Township has 70.91 miles of Improved roads as follows: 6.5 miles of Trunk Highway, 32.21 miles of County Roads, and 32.2 miles of Town Roads.

27. The property presently abuts the centerline of County State Aid Highway 34 for a distance of approximately 1,030.56 feet.

28. In 1985 the assessed valuation of the City of Rochester is \$351,098,333.

29. In 1985 the assessed valuation of the Town of Cascade is \$14,813,863.

30. The assessed valuation of the area proposed for annexation in 1985 is \$8,683. In 1985, this property pays \$68.56 to Cascade Township in taxes.

31. The mill rate for Olmsted County in 1985 is 28.2 for the City of Rochester and 30.036 for the Town of Cascade.

32. School District #535 has a 1985 mill levy of 57.035.

33. Cascade Township mill levy in 1985 is 7.896. Cascade Township has a bonded indebtedness of \$0 as of 12-31-84.

34. The City of Rochester mill levy in 1985 is 29.116. The bonded indebtedness for the City of Rochester is \$30,715,000.

35. The fire insurance rating for the City of Rochester is 3. The fire insurance rating for the Town of Cascade is 9.

36. The proposed annexation, if completed, will not impact on School District #535, as all of the City of Rochester and the annexation area are within the same school district.

37. The town does not have the ability to provide public sewer and water to the area proposed for annexation.

38. The City of Rochester's ability to provide the area proposed for

annexation with public sanitary sewage service will help to protect the quality of the groundwater in the area from possible contamination from septic tank effluent.

39. The City of Rochester is the only municipality adjacent to the area proposed for annexation.

40. Approximately 44.69 acres of vacant land immediately south of the annexation area within Rochester Township were annexed by ordinance effective May 17, 1985. That land will be developed in conjunction with the area proposed for annexation.

41. The annexation is consistent with the joint resolution for orderly annexation between the Town of Cascade and the City of Rochester.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Minnesota Municipal Board duly acquired and now has jurisdiction of the within proceeding.

2. 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 the services required by the area within a reasonable time.

3. The existing township form of government is not adequate to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the area proposed for annexation.

4. The annexation would be in the best interests of the area proposed for annexation.

5. The annexation is consistent with the terms of the joint resolution for orderly annexation.

6. Three years will be required to effectively provide full municipal services to the annexed area or to comply with terms and conditions of the orderly annexation agreement as it relates to the mill levy step up.

7. An order should be issued by the Minnesota Municipal Board annexing the area described herein.

ORDER

1. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: That the property described herein in Findings of Fact 2 be, and the same is hereby annexed to the City of Rochester, Minnesota, the same as if it had been originally a part thereof.

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

3. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That the effective date of this order is October 21, 1985.

Dated this 21st day of October, 1985.

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