

OA-1308-1 Taconite  
Joint Resolution Dated 11-6-06

STATE OF MINNESOTA

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

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IN THE MATTER OF THE ORDERLY ANNEXATION )  
AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF TACONITE )  
AND THE TOWN OF IRON RANGE PURSUANT TO )  
MINNESOTA STATUTES 414 )

ORDER

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WHEREAS, a joint resolution for orderly annexation was adopted by the City of Taconite and the Town of Iron Range; and

WHEREAS, said joint resolution requests that certain property be annexed to the City of Taconite pursuant to M.S. 414.0325; and

WHEREAS, M.S. 414.0325 states that in certain circumstances the Director of Strategic and Long Range Planning may review and comment, but shall within 30 days order the annexation of land pursuant to said subdivisions; and

WHEREAS, Reorganization Order No. 192, effective March 8, 2005, has transferred the duties of the Director to the Chief Administrative Law Judge; and

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2006, the Chief Administrative Law Judge has reviewed and accepted the resolution for orderly annexation;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED: That the following described property is hereby annexed in accordance with the terms of the joint resolution to the City of Taconite, Minnesota, the same as if it had originally been made a part thereof:

Parcels located in Itasca County, State of Minnesota, Section 28, Township 56, Range 24 as follows: Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼ NE ¼), Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NW ¼ NE ¼), Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SE

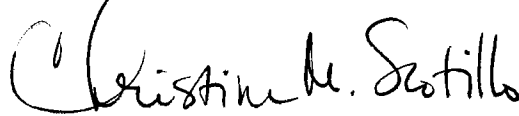
¼ NE ¼), Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (SW ¼ NE ¼). Parcels located in Itasca County, State of Minnesota, Section 27, Township 56, Range 24. Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SW ¼ NW ¼).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That pursuant to Minn. Stat. 414.036, the Town of Iron Range will be reimbursed by the City of Taconite in accordance with the terms of the letter dated December 6, 2006 from the Iron Range Town Chair and the Mayor of Taconite.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: That the tax rate of the City of Taconite on the property herein ordered annexed shall be increased in substantially equal proportions over a period of six years to equality with the tax rate of the property already within the city.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2006.

For the Chief Administrative Law Judge  
658 Cedar Street, Room 300  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155



Christine M. Scotillo  
Executive Director  
Municipal Boundary Adjustments

MEMORANDUM

In ordering the annexation contained in Docket No. OA-1308-1, the Chief Administrative Law Judge finds and makes the following comment:

Recent legislative amendments to Chapter 414 became effective on August 1, 2006. Included in the amendments is a new subdivision that requires published notice prior to adopting an orderly annexation agreement. Minn. Stat. Sec. 414.0325, Subd. 1b states:

**Subd. 1b. Notice of intent to designate an area.** At least ten days before the municipality or township adopts an orderly annexation agreement, a notice of the intent to include property in an orderly annexation area must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in both the township and municipality. The notice must clearly identify the boundaries of the area proposed to be included in the orderly annexation agreement and the date, time, and place of the public informational meeting to be held as provided in section 414.0333. The cost of providing notice must be equally divided between the municipality and the township, unless otherwise agreed upon by the municipality and the township.

The Joint Resolution for Orderly Annexation referenced above was signed after the effective date of the new law changes and therefore would have been subject to the Notice of intent to designate requirement of Minn. Stat. Sec. 414.0325 Subd. 1b.

For future reference, any new orderly annexation agreements must comply with this notice requirement.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be the initials 'CWS', is located below the text of the memorandum.