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OF TEXAS COOPERATIVE PLAN*

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PUBLIC HEARING OF:

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Public hearing held before Village of
Maine, Village of Brokaw, and Town of Texas Boards,
at the Wausau West High School Auditorium, 1200 West
Wausau Avenue, Wausau, Wisconsin, on the 10th day of
February 2016 commencing at 7:05 p.m. and ending at
8:23 p.m.

COURT REPORTER: Christine J. Willette
RDR, CRR, CRC, Notary Public

ALSO PRESENT: Dean R. Dietrich, Esq.
Shane Vader Waal J Vander Waal, Esq.
Randy L. Frokjer, Esq.
Keith Rusch
Gary Becker

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 (Opening remarks and presentation made,
4 after which public comment was invited.)

5
6 MS. FRANK: Rochelle Frank from the
7 village of Brokaw.

8 In the plan, it talks about grant
9 funding. Our family has been seeking grants for a
10 long time and also talking to county, state, and
11 federal officials and started a Go Fund Me account
12 which we asked everybody to contribute at least a
13 dollar.

14 Okay. When we called the state
15 representatives, it's less than a year ago, probably
16 here in the past year, the state representatives told
17 us that there was no funding available because there
18 was no money available in the state's budget.

19 So I know I can't ask the question, but
20 I'm just letting everybody know what I was told by
21 the state officials, that no money was available.

22 So I do not understand the statements
23 in the cooperative plan saying that will -- that the
24 Town of Maine -- Village, I mean, and Town of Texas
25 will be able to get funds -- funding.

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1 Because we know a lot of things can
2 happen to our village because of the water break --
3 waterline breakages and things like that, and there's
4 probably going to be more of them because we even
5 had, this last year --

6 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Louder.

7 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: Closer to the mic.

8 MS. FRANK: This last while, we had
9 recalled one of our maintenance workers to help us
10 because we were losing water. There was rust coming
11 from the pipes into our aerator, and that was what
12 the cause of it was. So this could happen to other
13 village residents and the water lines could break,
14 and we expect them to break, and it's going to be
15 very costly.

16 Thank you for your time and letting me
17 to speak.

18 MR. BOOTZ: Thank you.

19 MR. DIETRICH: Just for the record, I
20 want to advise the board members at the various
21 tables and the board members here that I do have a
22 written statement from Rochelle Frank which will be
23 submitted as part of the written statements in the
24 proceeding. And there's some similar information
25 contained in that report.

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1 MR. WINTER: Delmar Winter. Town of
2 Texas.

3 I know, if this cooperative plan goes
4 through, there's going to be a lot of kinks or things
5 that are missing in there.

6 One of the things I noticed is our
7 township always provided transportation for students
8 within a two-mile radius of the schools. We
9 currently have four with -- they're all within the
10 Riverview district. If the Village of Maine were to
11 take that over, I would like to see that those
12 students are provided the opportunity for
13 transportation.

14 MR. BOOTZ: Thank you.

15 MR. DAIGLE: Good evening, folks. Paul
16 Daigle. I'm a resident on T4862 Morgan Lane in the
17 town of Texas, and I've been there since 1991.

18 And, first of all, I just want to thank
19 both boards for all the work they put into this. I
20 know this is an incredibly difficult process, and
21 you've done it with integrity. And I think you
22 really have the backs of the residents in both the
23 town of Texas and town of Maine, and I just want to
24 thank you for that to start with.

25 I know you have the -- you know, the

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1 plan that you put together. And I actually got a
2 copy of it and I read it. And all I have to say,
3 wow, there's a bunch of problems that you guys were
4 dealing with that really were lightly glossed over.

5 I mean, the infrastructure that's
6 crumbling in Brokaw from the water lines, sewer
7 lines, streets, they're big.

8 I guess I have a concern. And I'm just
9 wondering if there's some options you might want to
10 consider for the attachment one. And it's quite a
11 large attachment, and I wonder if we can -- I got
12 three options, maybe, you'd want to consider and
13 discuss.

14 And, first of all, I don't think we
15 have to rush any attachment, because I -- I'm hoping
16 the City of Wausau doesn't do a knee-jerk reaction
17 and try to annex. But the people would have to vote
18 to go in. And so I think that threat is a little bit
19 lower than the Town of Texas.

20 But the first one would be, if you look
21 at that map, the residents -- all the built parcels
22 on the -- Morgan Lane, you could make -- take use of
23 the town of Texas and still seal your border with
24 Morgan Pond. There's a vacant parcel right at the
25 very start of Morgan Lane and there's one lot on the

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1 very end of Morgan Lane that's vacant. So you
2 wouldn't have to move any residents out of the town
3 of Texas. We love the town of Texas, when I talk to
4 my neighbors.

5 So that would be one option.

6 Another one, and I'm just wondering if
7 it would be -- you know, maybe this is wild, but why
8 not create one giant village and eliminate multiple
9 boards and balance the tax rate and all be in this
10 together?

11 And I think you'd have a more efficient
12 public service. And you could consolidate your fire
13 service and maybe even provide better protection for
14 residents and maybe have some full-time staff that
15 can deal with some of the utilities in Brokaw as a
16 long-term plan.

17 You know, we have the village of
18 Kronenwetter in Marathon County that is quite large
19 and has done something like that. And it might be
20 the best solution for all. And we could eliminate a
21 board, for sure.

22 A third one is I -- I know you have an
23 interest in mind in the town of Texas for annexation,
24 but Marshall Hill, North Troy, and East Troy are all
25 bedrock-controlled hills.

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1 I'm a professional soil scientist and
2 have a background in geology, and it's anywhere from
3 bedrock outcrops to maybe three feet of cover.

4 And I really don't think that those
5 areas are highly susceptible to annexation. And we
6 have a cemetery to go through and a -- Marshall Hill,
7 everyone knows how steep and rocky that is, and the
8 same thing is on North Troy and East Troy.

9 And I'm just worried, you know,
10 long-term, you know, are we going to get fire
11 protection and road service, plowing service if we
12 are part of the village of Maine?

13 But thanks again for all your work.
14 And those are my comments.

15 MR. BOOTZ: Thank you, Paul.

16 MS. BLIESE: Anissa Bliese.

17 B-l-i-e-s-e. I'm also in the town of Texas, and I am
18 in that little annex slot on Morgan Lane, also, with
19 Paul. And I do have to say that I was quite
20 concerned seeing that little tiny block so far away,
21 obviously off of a natural kind of border.

22 So that's more than a piece of land.
23 Just need you all to know it is human beings that are
24 there, and we are -- we are some of them.

25 So I know this is a lot of work and a

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1 lot of tricky things, but we -- we're there. And it
2 does work well in the town of Texas. We're kind of
3 on the end of that, but we've had good service still
4 and being cared for.

5 So just wanted to make sure that --
6 that I spoke out tonight.

7 Thank you.

8 MR. BOOTZ: Thank you.

9 MR. DUGINSKE: Mike Duginske, T5094
10 County Road W, Town of Texas.

11 What else am I supposed to say?

12 MR. BOOTZ: That's good.

13 MR. DUGINSKE: Just a simple question:
14 Is there any way you people can -- not a question.

15 Scenarios: How much it's going to cost
16 me out-of-pocket on my taxes for each of the options
17 that you guys are considering?

18 MR. DYKMAN: Good evening, everybody.
19 Adam Dykman, village of Brokaw.

20 Thanks, everyone, for everything you're
21 doing. It's excellent.

22 I just wanted to quickly just talk
23 about the oversight committee and just encourage --
24 see if we can get a hundred percent approval on the
25 oversight committee to do things, recommendations to

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1 the board, just because I feel like, if we're
2 doing a -- an inter-governmental agreement, I'd like
3 all three parties -- Brokaw, Maine and Texas -- to be
4 able to have a hundred percent vote before they take
5 it to the board.

6 That's it. Thank you very much.

7 MR. BOOTZ: Thank you.

8 MS. BAYBA: Judy Bayba, B-a-y-b-a, in
9 the village of Maine.

10 I, again, too, would like to applaud
11 all the hard work that's gone into this. I haven't
12 had a chance to read all the documents, but one
13 concern came up just on the slide is if one entity
14 has, essentially, veto power over the committee with
15 two-thirds of their board. I would like to see at
16 least the possibility of an override veto for at
17 least the two entities that are paying the expenses
18 on this.

19 Thank you.

20 MR. BOOTZ: Thank you.

21 MR. ANDERSON: Paul Anderson. Common
22 spelling. T298 Anderson Road, town of Maine -- town
23 of Texas. I'm sorry.

24 I got a couple of questions or comments
25 here. My biggest comment is in terms of the plan at

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1 17 years. I -- I really question what -- why that
2 has to be that long when it's been mentioned by some
3 of you people, in passing, from what I understand, of
4 possibly tying this up in two years. Because the way
5 it looks, as a town of Texas resident, you're going
6 to run us broke.

7 The TIF, TID district, is that -- is
8 that self-sustaining if you get the tax rate in line
9 with everything else?

10 If that's the case, then why does it
11 have to run out for 17 years?

12 And if -- your municipal debt on
13 Brokaw, is that something that can be worked out too?

14 So -- and then as far as the
15 infrastructure goes down in Brokaw, being as that's
16 going to be eventually all into the town -- village
17 of Maine, I don't see where the town of Texas should
18 be asked to put any money forth in that part of the
19 deal.

20 I've got some other questions, which
21 are comments I'll make on the infrastructure, which
22 I've already talked to Matt Bootz about, and I'll put
23 it in writing as far as what I feel should be done
24 with the infrastructure in the village of Brokaw.

25 Thank you.

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1 MR. BOOTZ: Thank you.

2 MR. ANDERSON: One more thing. Sorry.

3 The other thing is I agree with -- I
4 don't live anywhere near this section off of -- by
5 Evergreen Road, but I don't agree with it at all as
6 far as it being put over into the village of Maine.
7 I think something else could be worked out.

8 And I agree with the -- the gentleman
9 there. I've said it before when I was on the Town of
10 Texas board, nobody is going to come up that rock
11 hill with sewer and water.

12 So we'll leave it at that.

13 MR. BOOTZ: Thank you again.

14 I would like to encourage people to
15 come forward if they want to, but I also would like
16 to remind you that there is public comment sheets
17 laying around that you can also put comments on. We
18 will be going through all of them, also, in this
19 cooperative agreement.

20 MR. DIETRICH: And please use the form
21 that we have provided with your materials, because we
22 want to capture the comments from everyone. And
23 we're -- you can mail them in. You can write your
24 comments here, or you can mail them in to any one of
25 the three clerk addresses that are listed. But we

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1 would truly appreciate if you could use your form --
2 use that form as much as possible so we don't get
3 anything lost in the process.

4 MR. POPKO: My name is Gordie Popko. I
5 live at 4111 Hilltop Road in the city of Wausau.
6 However, I do own property at T4558 County Highway W
7 in the town of Texas.

8 I am very opposed to this proposition
9 of trying to obtain the sliver of property on the
10 east side of the river and connecting it to the
11 village of Maine.

12 I -- I can't see any reason for this
13 type of an annexation, other than the fact that what
14 we're trying to do, in my opinion, is block any type
15 of annexation to the city of Wausau from the town of
16 Texas to the north.

17 And if this is what we're really trying
18 to do, it can be circumvented by going to the east.

19 Now, I -- I was employed by the City of
20 Wausau for 35 years as a zoning administrator. And
21 in that time, I really don't know that I have seen
22 such a blatant attempt to prevent something to occur.

23 Again, I am very opposed to this
24 proposed taking of the property on the east side of
25 the river and adjoining it to the village of Maine.

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1 Thank you.

2 MR. BOOTZ: Thank you.

3 MR. LENTZ: My name is Jim Lentz. I'm
4 a resident of the town of Texas. I live at the
5 bottom of Marshall Hill.

6 Just a couple of comments: I think
7 that the land owners in that attachment area along
8 Evergreen Road should have their say as far as
9 whether they want to be a part of the village of
10 Maine.

11 I think, by putting up this barrier,
12 there could be other citizens of the town of Texas
13 beyond, to the north of them, that maybe some day
14 would like to become part of the city of Wausau,
15 because I know everybody in my neighborhood has bad
16 water.

17 And by having this agreement, that
18 pretty much prevents those property owners from ever
19 having a chance to maybe get good water. So that's
20 my comment.

21 MR. BOOTZ: Thank you.

22 Is there anyone else who would like to
23 publicly speak?

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25 publicly speak?

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1 I have to do this three times.

2 Is there anyone else that would like to
3 publicly speak?

4 MR. DOEDE: I'm Doug Doede. Spelled
5 D-o-e-d-e. Address is 6150 North 44th Avenue,
6 Wausau, or it's the town of Maine.

7 As I understand the plan in the
8 presentation, the commission, and then, ultimately,
9 the Village of Maine, excuse me, Village of Maine.
10 Ultimately, the Village of Maine will be responsible
11 for maintaining the infrastructure in the village of
12 Brokaw.

13 I also understand why you would want to
14 improve upon the tax rate of the village of Brokaw,
15 but to actually equalize the tax rate in the village
16 of Brokaw and the village of Maine, when the village
17 of Brokaw will have better services in terms of water
18 and sewer, I suspect many of my fellow residents in
19 the village of Maine would like to have city water
20 and sewer also.

21 So I question why the equalization. I
22 can understand the improvement but not the
23 equalization.

24 Second comment would be I understand
25 that this hearing is not a forum for questions and

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1 answers. However, I felt that there should have been
2 a forum so that there could have been questions and
3 answers before we were presented with this particular
4 document.

5 That's all.

6 MR. BOOTZ: Thank you.

7 MR. SORENSEN: My name is Sid Sorensen.
8 I live at 111 Bluestone Drive. That's
9 S-o-r-e-n-s-e-n. I own some property on the far end,
10 near Fleet Farm.

11 I under -- I heard tonight the comments
12 that there really is no money available. I question
13 if the boards here gave it any consideration to what
14 it's going to take to improve that sewer system --
15 the treatment plant, rather, in the -- in Brokaw;
16 the 5 to, probably, \$15 million it's going to take to
17 probably upgrade that.

18 I asked Keith Rusch, prior to the
19 election -- or the vote, about getting sewer and
20 water; and his comment to me was, "Oh, the city will
21 provide us sewer and water." I don't see that
22 happening.

23 And I guess I'd like to know when I
24 would be able to get sewer and water. Where are you
25 going to come up with that, probably, \$15 million to

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1 provide the sewer and water?

2 I've got some property that basically
3 has become almost valueless. You cannot run
4 commercial property off of a well and septic.

5 So you got a lot of work.

6 MR. BOOTZ: Thank you.

7 MR. WITZELING: Good evening. My name
8 is Mike Witzeling. I am a resident of the city of
9 Wausau, but I own property in Brokaw at 5555 North
10 26th Avenue.

11 I guess I just want to bring a comment
12 because, of course, it's not a question and answer
13 series, but I just want to know -- or just want to
14 let everybody know, the residents and the business
15 owners in Brokaw don't like this. Nobody really ever
16 wanted to see this happen. And I know all of you
17 gentlemen and ladies are doing everything we can to
18 handle it.

19 I do want you to understand, though,
20 through the whole process that's been going on for a
21 couple of years, if there's anything that you could
22 do to make this easier and better for us, I think we
23 all would like to see better communication.

24 As this has been going on and issues
25 with Maine and town of Texas and Brokaw are brought

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1 up, those of us, as residents and business owners,
2 are not notified what's happening.

3 The decisions to increase our taxes 80
4 percent, we never knew until, all of a sudden, I get
5 a tax bill. I'm told they're going to go up as an
6 interim and it's going to be a temporary issue that
7 they're allowed to do, one year, and next year it's
8 the same. We're not notified or told what's
9 happening.

10 And I know that the people in the town
11 of Maine and town of Texas don't like this. They
12 don't want to see the bill from Brokaw put on them.
13 Well, we don't want to see the bill from Brokaw put
14 on them, either. We're all in this.

15 I think I'd really appreciate it if
16 there would be better communication letting us know
17 what's happening and an open-forum discussion at
18 times as to why.

19 The people that I do know in this
20 room -- and I know a lot of people. You know me.
21 Tonight, as I'm talking to people, I'm hearing
22 questions from business owners, from private
23 individuals, from homeowners, and they're all full of
24 questions. And that's Brokaw and Maine and Texas.

25 At this stage of the game, why are

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1 these people still asking questions? Somebody inform
2 us what's going on. Please. Do something to help us
3 understand.

4 Thank you.

5 MR. BOOTZ: Thank you.

6 MR. WALTERS: Andy Walters, town of
7 Texas, T6005 River Hills Road.

8 The last comments kind of actually
9 upset me. Most everybody should know you have a town
10 board, a village board meeting once a month. I've
11 been trying to go to them at the Town of Texas. And
12 you can get your questions answered if you show up at
13 those meetings. So it's a kind of excuse I don't
14 prefer.

15 As far as the equalization with
16 Brokaw's taxes to ours, I agree with the earlier
17 comment that they're going to have sewer and water,
18 why should they necessarily get the same lower taxes
19 as what everybody else has.

20 I do definitely think we should be
21 helping them out and lowering it, you know, something
22 similar to equalize out where some of those other
23 municipalities are at; but to drop them, in some
24 cases, below a lot of municipalities with sewer and
25 water seems a little inappropriate.

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1 And, lastly, I personally would be
2 against the Evergreen Road kind of annexation. I
3 agree that I don't really think the city of Wausau is
4 trying to come up that direction. It's just way too
5 much money that they would be trying to stick in
6 coming up that way to really effect, overall, the
7 town of Texas.

8 Thanks a lot, guys.

9 MR. BOOTZ: Thank you.

10 Any other public comment?

11 Any other public comment?

12 MR. BARKER: Richard Barker, T715
13 Michael Lane, town of Texas.

14 It's probably my fault that I have not
15 participated in the town meetings to find out what's
16 going on, but it does really seem strange to me
17 that -- how would the town of Maine service
18 Evergreen? They're not connected to it. They'd have
19 to drive through the town of Texas or Wausau.

20 So how are the kids going to picked up?
21 How is the snow going to get plowed? Who's going to
22 do that?

23 That's maybe a question more than a
24 comment, but anyway...

25 Thank you.

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1 MR. BOOTZ: Any other public comment?

2 Any other public comment?

3 You don't have to wait until the second
4 time, you know. You can come up.

5 MR. ANDERSON: I just want you to earn
6 your keep there, Matt.

7 Paul Anderson, T298 Anderson Road, town
8 of Texas.

9 My question -- well, a comment is I
10 suspect there's going to be a lot of written comments
11 that are forwarded to you. And will we, as residents
12 of the various municipalities, get to review those?

13 I -- I agree with Andy Walters and all
14 that. If you come to the town of Texas zoning
15 commission, zoning board and board meetings, you will
16 find out your answers will be -- your questions will
17 be answered and you will be informed pretty well. So
18 please come on those nights.

19 But I -- I would like to be able to
20 review all the comments that are -- come forth in the
21 written-out form.

22 Thank you.

23 MR. DIETRICH: The three municipalities
24 have tentatively scheduled a meeting for
25 3:00 o'clock p.m. on March 7 where the municipalities

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1 will come together and review the written comments.

2 The written comments, we will gather
3 those as they are presented and make them available
4 to the other two municipalities. And I think, from
5 the perspective of all three municipalities, we can
6 have a copy available for people to come in and look
7 at. They would be considered public records because
8 they're the result of a public hearing. So they
9 would be available.

10 I will also advise everyone that a
11 summary of all of the comments will be prepared as
12 part of the final boundary agreement and will be
13 included as a document in the boundary agreement that
14 is reviewed by all three municipalities.

15 And all three municipalities will meet
16 after this joint meeting to give final review and
17 then approval of the boundary agreement. That will
18 be at a regular public meeting of the municipality or
19 a specially-called public meeting of the
20 municipality.

21 There have been a series of meetings
22 held by the various -- I'm sorry, public
23 informational sessions held by the various
24 municipalities.

25 Under the state law, at this point,

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1 however, we need to follow the statutory procedures
2 that are contained in the law, as initially
3 referenced by Mr. Becker. And that's what each of
4 the municipalities will be doing to ensure we are in
5 full compliance with the statutory requirements for
6 the creation of and approval of a cooperative
7 boundary agreement.

8 We again encourage you to submit
9 written comments. Those, as I said, will all be
10 summarized and reviewed by the three municipalities
11 together, and then changes will be recommended in --
12 and adopted or placed into the final version of the
13 boundary agreement that will be considered by each
14 municipality.

15 (Speaker in audience away from
16 microphone.)

17 MR. BOOTZ: Sir, please come up to the
18 microphone if you want to speak.

19 MR. WOLLER: Good evening. My name is
20 Leon Woller, W-o-l-l-e-r, village of Maine, 2805
21 Burek Avenue.

22 In my business, I am an agent with
23 Rural Insurance. We are the largest township insurer
24 in the state of Wisconsin. I always commend town
25 boards. You have a thankless, laborious job trying

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1 to work to better things for our community.

2 So I would really like to recognize the
3 Village of Brokaw, Town of Texas, and Town of Maine.
4 This is a tremendous document.

5 There can be various opinions as far as
6 that little figure of land with Evergreen, and
7 decisions will be made on that. But I really commend
8 the work you ladies and gentlemen have done for our
9 communities.

10 MR. BOOTZ: Thank you.

11 Do we have any more comments?

12 Any others have a comment?

13 Any other public comment?

14 I think we will take a ten-minute
15 recess. And if anyone would like to take some time
16 to get up, stretch around, and then we'll come back
17 to the meeting. We will not adjourn the meetings.

18 The boards -- respective boards will
19 stay here. But if people want to talk among
20 themselves about a public comment, give everyone ten
21 minutes to make sure everyone has the ability or the
22 right to speak.

23 (Recess taken.)

24 MR. BOOTZ: All right. We'd like to
25 get rolling again here if everyone can find their

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1 seat, please, and we'll proceed with the meeting.

2 I'd like to open the meeting again to
3 public comment.

4 Does anyone want to come down and make
5 a public comment?

6 We lost some people.

7 MS. MARTIN: Thank you.

8 My name is Rachel Martin. I live at
9 13755 North 12th Avenue, Merrill, and that is
10 definitely in the town of Maine.

11 First off, I want to thank you for all
12 the hard work you've done. It's not easy.
13 Definitely not easy.

14 Comments: My husband and I lived out
15 there for about 36 years and we've seen a lot of
16 changes. Some good. Some bad. But always changes.
17 And that's what we have to do as a community is
18 change together.

19 I -- I think that we lose sight of the
20 fact that we're all in this together. All three
21 community entities, we're going to start to get,
22 well, we should do this, we should do that. We have
23 to look at the bigger picture.

24 And by looking at the bigger picture, I
25 still have some reservations about some things: The

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1 tax base and the equalization.

2 If -- again, if we're not getting the
3 amenities, it shouldn't be, maybe, as big of an
4 equalization. Not to say that it doesn't need to
5 come down; it does. But we have to look at things
6 realistically, also.

7 And we all, like I said, are in this
8 together. Let's keep it together.

9 I had a couple other things I wanted to
10 say, and then they went right out of my head. So I
11 apologize for that. Hopefully I won't come back down
12 here again.

13 MS. HOENISCH: You can come back down.

14 MS. MARTIN: Thanks.

15 So, anyways, I want to thank you all
16 for your time and listening to me go on and on. Good
17 luck, everybody. We need it.

18 MR. BOOTZ: Thank you.

19 Any other public comments?

20 Any other public comment?

21 MR. TILTON: Hello. My name is Jim
22 Tilton. I lived at 4303 North 29th Avenue for the
23 last 48 years.

24 I been to many of your meetings. I
25 have seen you guys work hard and try and get these

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1 solutions. There's a lot of problems. But, you
2 know, the three towns, if they would become one, if
3 they would become one, we have strength in numbers.
4 There's a lot of issues, yes. I don't know all of
5 the laws, either. But, hey, we could become one
6 strong township. And this is what I feel in my heart
7 is that we need to come together.

8 Thank you.

9 MR. BOOTZ: Thank you.

10 Any other public comment?

11 MR. MARTIN: I'm John Martin. I live
12 in town of Maine, 13755 North 12th Avenue. And my
13 comment is the water situation in the village of
14 Brokaw needs attention as soon as we can get it. We
15 can't say, well, why -- why do I want to wait so long
16 for this? Why do we want to wait so long? The water
17 is the biggest issue in the city of Brokaw right now.
18 And I just think we should get on it as quick as we
19 can before we have a small Flint, Michigan, in the
20 village of Brokaw.

21 And I got other comments, but I ain't
22 going to carrying on and keep going and going and
23 going. If I really feel them, I'll write them out
24 and you can read them.

25 So thank you all. You're doing a great

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1 job.

2 MR. BOOTZ: Thank you.

3 MR. SCHADE: I'm Brian Schade, 2405
4 Merrill Ave.

5 I just want to make a note that -- I am
6 town of Maine. I don't want to be annexed into
7 Wausau. I don't want their water. I don't want
8 their taxes.

9 Unless a developer comes through and
10 wants to guarantee some type of development, I want
11 to stay in the town of -- or the village of Maine.
12 So I just want that known.

13 I know Betty is in the same spot, and
14 our water is just fine. I can have the septic
15 pumped. I don't need the city sewer and water.

16 So I just want that -- I'm right on the
17 line. So I don't want to be a part of the city of
18 Wausau.

19 MR. DIETRICH: Excuse me. Could you
20 open the door, please, in the back of the room on
21 each side, please? They apparently may be locking
22 and, really, we are dealing with an open, public
23 hearing room, a public hearing. So one door should
24 stay open, please.

25 Thank you.

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1 MR. BOOTZ: Any other public comment?

2 Any other public comment?

3 Any other public comment?

4 Then at this time, I'm going to turn
5 the microphone over to Dean. We are going to leave
6 the meeting open, and he'll explain what's going to
7 happen.

8 MR. DIETRICH: Because there are no
9 more public comments, the formal public comment
10 portion of this hearing will close at this time.

11 Representatives from the municipalities
12 will be staying here in the room or in the hallway
13 until 10:00 o'clock. If individuals come in, they
14 will be asked to sign in, and they will be given a
15 sheet and asked that they put their comments on the
16 handwritten sheet -- on the sheet. They can put
17 their comments down in handwriting as they are there,
18 or they can take the sheet and go home and mail those
19 comments in.

20 We also, again, encourage you, as you
21 depart the proceedings, to take some of those sheets
22 if you want to submit a written comment, as well.
23 Those will all be considered by the municipality.

24 But based upon the fact that there are
25 no others who wish to make a public comment at this

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1 time, we're going to adjourn the hearing portion of
2 this proceeding, but representatives will stay until
3 10:00 o'clock and entertain anyone coming into the
4 school facilities by giving them the proper forms to
5 either fill out there or to take home and then mail
6 in.

7 Reminder that the comments -- written
8 comments need to be submitted within a 20-day period.
9 After the end of the 20-day period, the three
10 municipalities will be meeting. The parties will be
11 putting together a summary of the comments, and then
12 we'll be reviewing those comments at a public
13 meeting. We anticipate that meeting will be, I
14 think, on March 7. We will certainly issue public
15 notices. And it will be held at the village hall for
16 the Village of Maine.

17 With that, Mr. Moderator, I think it
18 would be appropriate to declare that the public
19 hearing portion of this meeting is convened [sic],
20 understanding that the record will show that someone
21 will be here to take comments and give the
22 opportunity for written comments.

23 MR. BOOTZ: I'll ask one more time if
24 there's any more public comment.

25 I got to do this three times now.

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1 Any other public comment?

2 Any other public comment?

3 Then at this time, we will close the
4 meeting.

5 And I will start by adjournment for the
6 Town of Texas Board. I make a motion to adjourn our
7 meeting.

8 MR. BORCHARDT: I'll second.

9 MR. BOOTZ: Second by Wally Borchardt.

10 All in favor?

11 (Ayes heard.)

12 MR. BOOTZ: Any opposed?

13 (None heard.)

14 MR. BOOTZ: Motion carried.

15 I'll pass it to Maine.

16 MS. HOENISCH: The Village of Maine
17 will stay open, as Keith and I are going to be here
18 handing out the comment forms. So we'll stay open
19 until we adjourn.

20 MR. WEISENBERGER: And Village of
21 Brokaw, we have a motion to adjourn.

22 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: I'll make a
23 motion.

24 UNIDENTIFIED VOICE: I'll second.

25 MR. WEISENBERGER: Motion by Marky

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1 [ph], second my Adam.

2 All in favor say aye.

3 (Ayes heard.)

4 MR. WEISENBERGER: Opposed, no.

5 (None heard.)

6 MR. WEISENBERGER: Motion carried.

7 Thank you.

8 MR. BOOTZ: I again would like to thank
9 everyone for coming tonight and we'll take your
10 written comments.

11 (Hearing adjourned at 8:23 p.m.)

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I, CHRISTINE J. WILLETTE, RDR, CRR, CRC, Notary Public in and for the State of Wisconsin, do hereby certify:

That said proceedings were taken before me at the time, date, and place set forth; and I hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct transcript of my shorthand notes so taken and thereafter reduced to computerized transcription under my direction and supervision.

I further certify that I am neither counsel for nor related to any party to said action, nor in any way interested in the outcome thereof; and that I have no contract with the parties, attorneys, or persons with an interest in the action that affects or has a substantial tendency to affect impartiality, or that requires me to provide any service not made available to all parties to the action.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 25th day of February 2016



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