

Facts about the Town of Bloomfield Advisory Referendum Question about a Boundary Agreement with the Village of Bloomfield

When you go to the polls to vote in the Presidential Primary Election on April 7, 2020 there will be an advisory referendum question on the ballot that will ask:

Should the Town enter into a boundary agreement which would transfer the entire Town to the Village of Bloomfield?

- The boundary agreement contemplated by this advisory referendum would transfer the entirety of the Town of Bloomfield to the Village of Bloomfield in order to:
 - Protect against annexation by adjacent municipalities; Genoa City and Lake Geneva
 - Allow for local land use decisions
 - Prevent boundary litigation
 - Capture tax revenue from future development
 - Streamline the delivery of municipal services and end the duplication of government bodies
- For decades, Town residents have sought Village status for the entirety of the Town. In 2011, a segment of the Town was incorporated into the Village of Bloomfield. Roughly half of the original Town acreage remains unincorporated and vulnerable to annexation by the City of Lake Geneva and Village of Genoa City and the constraints of County land use regulations. This boundary agreement would finally unite the original Town under village governance ending the possibilities of annexation and burdens of County land use regulation.
- A recent court decision affirmed that a boundary agreement, such as that contemplated by this referendum, is a lawful method of “the development of territory from town to incorporated status ... in an orderly and uniform manner.” City of Kaukauna v. Village of Harrison.
- Complicated as it may sound, it comes down to a decision on April 7 to control our own future. More information will be made available over the next few months. In the meantime, if you would like to discuss this, please contact Town Chairman Dan Schoonover at 262-903-5669 or d.schoonover@TownofBloomfield.com