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TOWN OF BLOOMFIELD CONSIDERS BOUNDARY AGREEMENT WITH VILLAGE OF BLOOMFIELD

Advisory April 7 Referendum will ask Town residents "Should the Town enter into a boundary agreement which would transfer the entire Town to the Village of Bloomfield?"

BLOOMFIELD, Wis. (December 16, 2019) – Town of Bloomfield officials announced today that they are pursuing a referendum which would eliminate the boundary with the Village of Bloomfield to make the entire Town part of the Village. Town taxpayers are receiving a flyer along with their mailed tax bills this week as the first official notification of the Town's intentions. Subsequent materials will be made available, and two public information meetings are being planned.

"A boundary agreement would re-unify the Town of Bloomfield and the Village of Bloomfield as a Village, completing the process commenced with the 2011 incorporation. Bloomfield has its own rich history and proud character, which is why residents choose to live here. A boundary agreement would protect historic Bloomfield from annexation by Lake Geneva and Genoa City," said Town Chairman Dan Schoonover.

Town Attorney Anthony Coletti stated that "a recent court decision affirms that boundary agreements which operate as incorporations are lawful. The Town can lawfully be assimilated into the Village by means of a boundary agreement. "

Areas of the Town and the Village of Bloomfield would once again be joined as they were historically, permanently incorporated as one municipality, under Village governance. The Town already receives services from the Village, but is governed by a separate three member Town Board.

If a majority of Town voters approves of the advisory referendum on April 7, the Town Board would likely try to negotiate a boundary agreement with the Village of Bloomfield, which would transfer the entirety of the Town to the Village.

More information can be found on the Bloomfield website www.bloomfield-wi.us/

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