

that the notice of election published by the election clerk include descriptions of the ward boundaries.

8. All money, claims of property, including real estate, held, or possessed by the Township or Village of Champlin, and any proceeds or taxes levied by said Township or Village, collected or uncollected, shall become and be the property of the new Village of Champlin with full power and authority to use and dispose of the sums for public purposes as the Council of the new Village of Champlin may deem best.

9. The plan of Government for the new Village shall be Optional Plan "A".

10. The Secretary of the Minnesota Municipal Commission shall cause copies of this order to be mailed and filed as provided by law.

11. The consolidation shall be effective upon the election and qualification of new municipal officers.

Dated this 11th day of September, 1970

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MEMORANDUM

The Commission has today ordered the consolidation of the Town and Village of Champlin. The City of Brooklyn Park has been denied the annexation of the territory of the Town of Champlin. Another annexation of certain property to the City of Brooklyn Park has been rendered moot by our decision in this matter. This is the Perry annexation, designated as Commission File Docket A-1518.

The City of Brooklyn Park is conscientiously seeking to control urbanization in such a way as to eliminate urban sprawl. A wide range of devices is being used for this purpose; Zoning, subdivision regulations, developing a comprehensive plan, etc. A key device is controlling the timing of the extension of utilities and, at the present time, sanitary sewer lines are not being extended beyond 85th Street. Land is available for development South of 85th Street, and Brooklyn Park is seeking the development of this land before allowing development to occur to the North.

The Village of Champlin and the Township of Champlin have established an understanding for the need to carry out land use control and orderly development procedures for their area. They have established a community of interest and a compelling desire to govern themselves and to assume the responsibilities for their combined area. The Village of Champlin as it now exists is admittedly inadequate in size and in assessed valuation to provide the kind of services that are needed in today's society. Beyond that, they are not of sufficient size nor do they have the fiscal capability of representing their people in the decision-making processes that go on in the metropolitan area through the Metropolitan Council, Metro Sewer Board, Transit Commission, and various metropolitan bodies and in the state legislature. The need to increase the size of the Village of Champlin

to acquire this capability was a compelling force that the Commission had to consider.

The evidence established that the growth within the Champlin Township was occurring in the periphery of the Village of Champlin and moving from that area southeasterly as opposed to the growth occurring in the periphery on the boundary line between the Township of Champlin and the City of Brooklyn Park.

The proposition as submitted by the City of Brooklyn Park was indeed an attractive alternative. Their concept and their vision relating to the control of growth in order to foster and encourage orderly development of the area under their jurisdiction is one that the Commission through its experience has found very important. By presenting this alternative, Brooklyn Park crystalized the responsibility that every governmental unit must assume. We wish to commend the City of Brooklyn Park for their farsightedness and their insight into the problems of carrying out their responsibilities as a local governmental unit.

It is the Commission's considered judgment that in this instance, the consolidation of the Village of Champlin and the Township of Champlin into a single unit of government will create a viable unit of government. It is also the opinion of the Commission that the need to create this new larger unit overweighed the persuasive arguments on the part of the City of Brooklyn Park that they were in the best position to plan for and control the Township of Champlin. The above, coupled with the community of interest that was evident through the testimony between Champlin Township and the Village of Champlin, the commonality of purpose and direction and planning

that existed, the ability that was evident from the testimony for them to provide services in an economic, feasible matter, all dictated to the Commission the decision that has been made today.

The new Village of Champlin should consider the impact of its policies on its neighbors, particularly Brooklyn Park. We urge the two municipalities to plan jointly for the development of their part of north Hennepin. Consideration should be given as to whether further economies of scale could be achieved by a consolidation of the two governments.

BY THE PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION

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