Resolution 2018-05

RESOLUTION OBJECTING TO THE VILLAGE OF GRAFTON'S PRONOUNCED INTENT TO ANNEX TOWN OF GRAFTON LAND FOR INDUSTRIAL/BUSINESS PARK USE

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Grafton has learned that the Village of Grafton has pronounced its intent to annex 114 acres of prime, high value residential property from the Town of Grafton that is not contiguous to the Village’s boundary for commercial, industrial and business use;

WHEREAS, and the Village has denounced contiguity as a requirement for such annexation, and is actively seeking to annex the property by way of an easement, a/k/a "balloon on a string" annexation;

WHEREAS, the Town of Board of the Town of Grafton recognizes that such non-contiguous annexation will make it impossible for the Town to effectively administer its ordinances and any comprehensive land use planning the Town has undertaken or may undertake in the future as such non-contiguous parcels will be islands of the Village of Grafton, subject to different ordinances and comprehensive planning;

WHEREAS, the requirement of contiguity for annexation is required so that land continues to be developed in an orderly, planned and consistent manner;

WHEREAS, the Village’s plans are detrimental to both municipalities’ development and the needs of the community at large;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town Board of the Town of Grafton objects to the Village of Grafton’s plan to annex Town property to develop an industrial/business park east of HWY 43, as contrary to the best interests of both municipalities and the community as a whole.

Adopted this 14th day of February, 2018.

Lester A. Bartel, Jr., Chairman

Attest: Amanda L. Schaefer, Town Clerk

Posted: February 15, 2018