

LYNDEN TOWNSHIP
Special Meeting
City of Clearwater's request for an Orderly Annexation Agreement
July 19, 2023

Those present at the Lynden Township Hall are Supervisors Tom Plaggerman, Dennis Niemi, Scott O'Konek, Clerk Jenny Schmidt, Planning Administrator James Kantor and Township Attorney Michael Couri. Plaggerman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda: Discuss the City of Clearwater's request for an Orderly Annexation Agreement and gain education and information on OAA's.

A special meeting of the Lynden Town Board was held on Wednesday, July 19, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Lynden Town Hall to discuss the City of Clearwater's request for an Orderly Annexation Agreement (OAA) and issues related to this request. The letter requested preliminary discussions for an OAA but there were no specifics given. Couri is present and will educate us on the subject.

Couri explained an OAA is a fairly complex document with a number of moving parts. They typically take several months, if not years, to negotiate and many times do not result in an agreement. It is a legally binding contract. As an example, the OAA between Clearwater Township and the City of Clearwater was reviewed in depth. Couri provided information on each section of the agreement that would either be similar to different due to our circumstances. A map of that OAA was also reviewed.

The Board and residents present were able to ask questions as the meeting progressed. The Board will consider, at the August 7th regular monthly meeting, sending a postcard to all Lynden Township residents informing them of this request from Clearwater.

The City of Clearwater has agreed to meet on Tuesday, September 12, 6:00 p.m. at the Lynden Township Hall.

O'Konek made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Niemi, all in favor, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully,

Jenny Schmidt
Lynden Township Clerk