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Subject: Merger Study

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Merger Study Commission Meeting for July 28, 2010

It has been 19 months, since I have sat down in this seat as a elected Commission. I was elected by the citizens(voters) of the Sugarcreek Twp. Like the other nine Commission elects we have sat within these walls to study the reasons to merge two wonderful communities (Bellbrook & Sugarcreek Twp).

We as a Commission unselfishly & tirelessly gave our time and energy to view and study the value of these two communities as one. I want to thank my fellow Commission for a job well done during this time. We held open minds through out this whole process so we could make decisive and unbiased decisions. I have and will respect their final decision tonight in concern of this Merger Study.

A lot of questions were asked of the City Manager of Bellbrook and the Administrator of the Sugarcreek Twp of the operation and cost to run the communities. We asked a lot of them and they provided. They need to be commended in running a tight ship financially in their respected community. We should be proud.

As a result of the Merger Study there are a lot of similarities of the these two communities. We are separate communities, but held by a common thread, everyday people. People like You & me with all walks of life. We can unite and become one, but only if it makes sense and feasible overall.

The Merger Study is coming to an end. One thing that will continue to evolve within our communities and that is CHANGE. No matter what the results may be tonight. CHANGE will come. We can't live with it and we can't live without it in today's society.

My vote will count tonight as part of that CHANGE. I believe in merging communities when it makes sense. I have learned a lot about both communities overall and with all due respect to these communities the time is not right to continue. There were more pros than cons of merging, but the high financial burden with no added value put upon the property owners just can't be justified. Any future issues of annexation of township property will have to be trusted within the Township Trustees. My decision is the voice that the voted me into this Commission.

I am voting "NO" for the Conditions of the Merger.

Sincerely,

Ron Folkerth

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