



**PUBLIC INFORMATION
MEETING ON
INCORPORATION**

February 22, 2018

INTRODUCTION

▶ Town Board

- Peter Hansen, Chairperson
- Sherry Gruhn, Supervisor
- Terrence McMahon, Supervisor

▶ Clerk-Treasurer

- Michael McKinney

▶ Plan Commissioners

- Gary Fink, Douglas Nelson, Barbara Geschke, Robbie Funk and Dan Maurice

AGENDA

- ▶ Presentation by Town Board Chairperson Peter Hansen
 - Incorporation Process
 - Anticipated Changes
 - Timeline
- ▶ Opportunity for questions post presentation

WHY NOW?

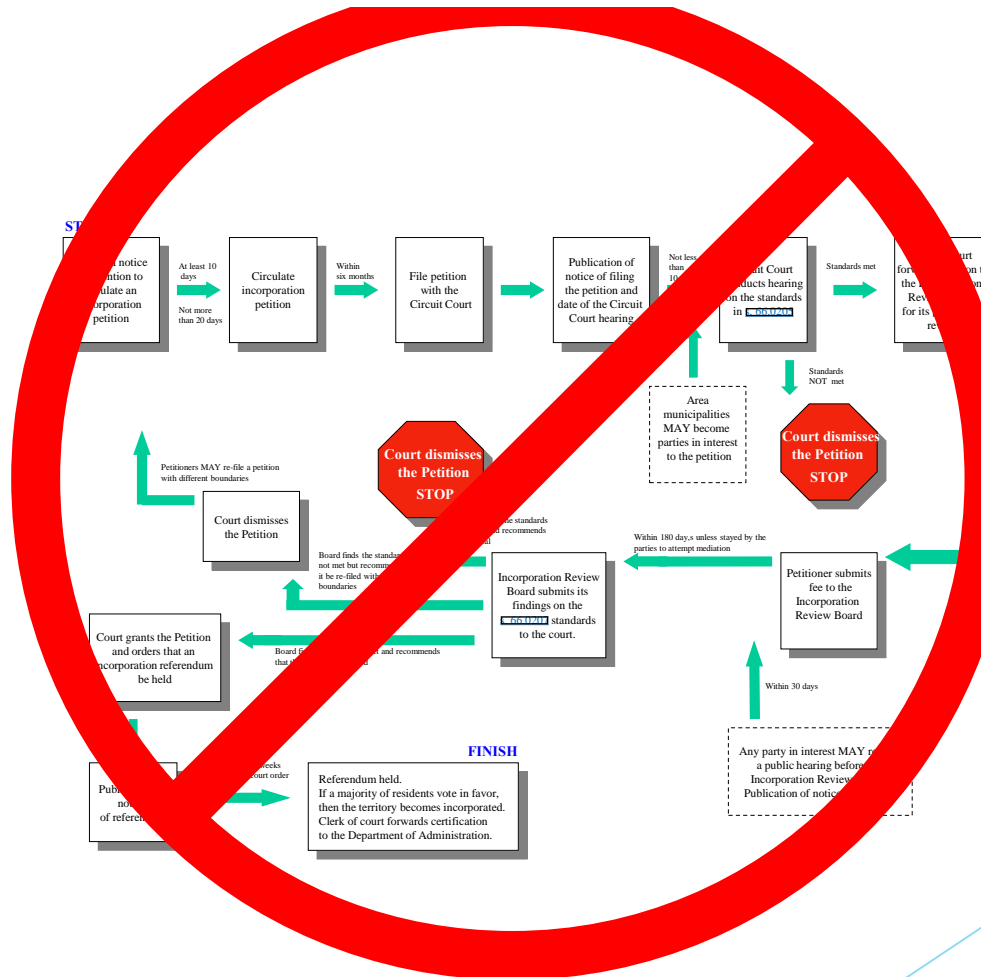
- ▶ Development throughout Racine County
- ▶ Control our own destiny
- ▶ Maintain decision-making authority



WHAT IS INCORPORATION?

- ▶ Process to transition from Town to Village
- ▶ Provides greater independence for community

WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR INCORPORATION?



HOW IS YORKVILLE'S INCORPORATION DIFFERENT

- ▶ Authorized by Special Legislation – Available for Towns Adjacent to Foxconn
- ▶ Simple Process = Approval by Referendum (April 3, 2018)
- ▶ Permitted Without Typical State Requirements.
For example:
 - Need not meet population density requirements
 - Need not be “urbanized”



WHAT WOULD CHANGE

Incorporation provides a community with more independence and local control

- ▶ **Geographic Autonomy:** Protects against haphazard annexation of Yorkville properties into neighboring Villages or Cities and provides Yorkville with control over its own destiny and borders
- ▶ **Governmental Autonomy:** Gives Yorkville control over planning and zoning, providing control over future development
- ▶ **Economic Development:** Enables Yorkville to utilize economic development tools, like Tax Increment Financing (TIF)
- ▶ **Greater Revenue Opportunities:** Enables Yorkville to apply for additional federal, state and local grants that are only available to incorporated communities



WHAT WOULD CHANGE



Village Board Elections:

- Town Board Determines 5 or 7-person board
- Sets Election for 40-50 days after Certificate of Incorporation Issued by the State of Wisconsin
- Voters Elect Village Board



Village Control Over Zoning:

- Establish Board of Zoning Appeals
- Agreement with County to provide staffing for zoning process



No Annual Meeting

WHAT WOULD NOT CHANGE



Police / Fire:

Yorkville will continue to receive law enforcement and fire/rescue services as it does now



Public Works:

County will continue to provide services, as it has in the past



Property Taxes:

No changes anticipated as a result of incorporation



Ordinances:

Existing ordinances remain in effect unless specifically contradicted by state statute

TIMELINE

- ▶ **January 2:** Town Board passed incorporation resolution
- ▶ **February 22:** Public information meeting
- ▶ **April 3:** Referendum vote on incorporation
- ▶ **Mid-to-late April:** Town Board determines size of Village Board, sets election date
- ▶ **Early-to-mid June:** Special Election for Village Board
- ▶ **April 2019:** Regular Spring Election for Village Board

