

**City of Jordan- St. Lawrence Township Roundtable Meeting
Growth, Annexation, and Collaboration Dialogue
April 23, 2026**

Officer's Present

Chairman Ted Kornder, Supervisor Les Quatmann, Supervisor Ron Symanitz, Treasurer Amy Mullen, Clerk Ramona Bischof and Township Engineer Matt Stordahl

City of Jordan members Present

Mayor Travis Fremming, City Administrator Tom Nikunen, Council Member Robert Whipps and Council Member Jeremy Goebel

Officers Absent

None

Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Ted Kornder. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Key Topics

****Urban Expansion vs. Rural Preservation**:** Balancing city growth desires with township concerns over infrastructure strain, fire/school services, and rural property rights; opposition to premature rural developments blocking sewer/water extension (e.g., Sand Creek precedent).

****Communication Gaps**:** Late or missed notifications on annexations (e.g., 195th St parcels, Dan Schmidt property), code enforcement, gravel pits, and CDA grants; calls for advance notice, agendas, and regular updates.

****Orderly Annexation Agreement (OAA)**:** Debates on leapfrogging/islands, road takeovers (e.g., 195th St, Beaumont, Corporate Dr.), tax reimbursements, and modifications (e.g., septic failures triggering annexation for enclaves like Jablonski).

****Infrastructure and Development Plans**:** Sewer/water extensions (\$7M invested), interchanges, road networks (paving 195th to 59th), comp plan (2040/2050 updates), commercial/industrial zoning, Kwik Trip, Michael's Foods.

****Code Enforcement and Specific Sites**:** Eyesores outside boundaries (e.g., Brown building/junkyard), gravel operations (restoration/escrow demands), annexation fees/trail funds (~\$100K).

****Broader Impacts**:** Gravel tax vs. OAA benefits, debt financing, school/fire pressures, traffic

burdens on township roads.

Insights and Takeaways

Township feels sidelined ("voices don't carry weight"), seeks equality/involvement to answer constituents; city emphasizes contiguous growth to justify infrastructure bonds and avoid "hostage" properties.

Poor past communication (e.g., mail delays, county oversights) erodes trust; mutual benefits in collaboration (e.g., shared road maintenance, grants like Park Blvd).

Rural businesses resist annexation without sewer/water needs, creating growth barriers; city invests ahead (e.g., pipes in ground) expecting tax base, views OAA leapfrogging as key trade-off for tax sharing.

Gravel pits pose long-term blocks (25-30 years) unless restored; Scott County often drives abrupt changes with minimal notice.

Common ground on hating external pressures (Met Council, state statutes); both prioritize logical growth over adversarial stances.

Conclusions and Decisions

****Renewed Collaboration****: Commit to quarterly meetings (next in late June/early July) for OAA renegotiation (expires ~1 year); explore modifications like advance notifications, road burdens, enclaves, trail fund use (~\$100K for paths to fairgrounds).

****Action Items****: City to share agendas/notices proactively; township to review comp plan/transportation; joint input on gravel restoration/escrow; discuss 2050 comp plan alignment with Scott County.

****No Immediate Changes****: No resolutions on specific annexations/roads today; table for future (e.g., Acorn Acres development may trigger 195th paving/takeover); productive tone, no yelling, focus on mutual interests over disagreements.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Ted Kornder

Ted Kornder, Chairman

Ramona Bischof

Ramona Bischof, Clerk