

Request to Extend Village of Elwood/City of Joliet Boundary Line Agreement

July 21, 2017

Letter sent to Mayor O'DeKirk from Mayor Matichak

Formally requesting that Joliet consider the extension of the Boundary Agreement with the Village of Elwood. **(No Response)**

February 1, 2018

**Response letter sent to Attorney Silverman from Martin Shanahan
Corporate Counsel**

Requesting said discussions be postponed until next year (2019) because the boundary agreement does not expire until December 31, 2019.

February 19, 2018

Mayor Jenco met with Joliet Mayor O'DeKirk and Manhattan Mayor Doyle

Discussed boundary line agreements.

December 12, 2018

Letter sent to Mayor O'DeKirk from Mayor Jenco

Formally requesting that Joliet consider the extension of the Boundary Agreement with the Village of Elwood.

January 8, 2019

Email to Mayor O'DeKirk from Mayor Jenco

Requesting Mayor O'DeKirk to contact him to discuss the extension of the boundary agreement.

January 10, 2019

Email to Mayor Jenco from Mayor O'DeKirk

Mayor O'DeKirk wrote, "Joliet's position is that we will re-negotiate that agreement when it is set to expire, which will happen at the end of this year."

March 4, 2019

Email to Mayor O'DeKirk from Village Administrator Friebele (cc: city board, manager/atty)

Formally requesting Joliet City Council consider an amendment to the Boundary Agreement.

(No response)

April 17, 2019

Email to Mayor O'DeKirk and Mr. Shanahan from Village Administrator Friebele (cc: City Council)

Mr. Shanahan per our phone conversation last month you were going to discuss the Village of Elwood's request concerning extending the boundary line agreement with Mayor O'DeKirk. I have not received any correspondence from you.

(No Response)

June 27, 2019

Email to Mayor O'DeKirk and Deputy City Manager Jones from Village Administrator Friebele (cc: City Council and Atty)

Requesting the City Council consider extending the boundary line agreement with the Village of Elwood. Contact me as soon as possible to discuss.

July 2, 2019 **Email to Village Administrator Friebele from Deputy City Manager Jones**
Letter received as an attachment to email responding to boundary agreement request. Joliet is in the process of retaining a consultant to undertake a comprehensive land use plan for the entire city. In view of the fact this planning initiative will soon be underway, it is premature for the City to engage in an extension of the boundary agreement at this time. Estimated timeline for completion is 18-24 months.

July 25, 2019 **Email to Deputy City Manager Jones from Village Administrator Friebele**
Requesting to meet and discuss the extension of the boundary line agreement.

Email to Village Administrator Friebele from Deputy City Manager Jones
City of Joliet agreed to meet to discuss the boundary line agreement.

August 13, 2019 **Mayor Jenco, Village Administrator Friebele, Attorney Silverman met with Mayor O'DeKirk, Deputy City Manager Jones, & City Counsel Martin Shanahan**
Discussed the consideration of the boundary line agreement. They will discuss an extension amongst themselves and get back to Elwood.
(City of Joliet did not get back to Elwood)

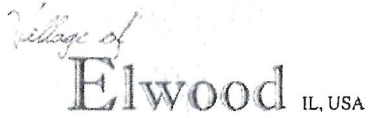
September 9, 2019 **Letter to Deputy City Manager Jones from Village Administrator Friebele**
The Village of Elwood is formally requesting the City of Joliet consider the Boundary Line Amendment between City of Joliet and Village of Elwood to be placed on the agenda for the September 30, 2019 Pre-Council Meeting, and the October 1, 2019 Regular Council Meeting.

September 17, 2019 **Email to Village Administrator Friebele and Attorney Silverman from Deputy City Manager Jones**
Mr. Jones said that under his City Manager's report at their Council meeting he brought up the request to discuss the boundary agreement. There was no support to put this matter on the agenda.

He wanted to give us both a heads-up since the Herald News was present.

September 30, 2019 – At the City of Joliet Pre Council Meeting Under Public Comments Village of Elwood Mayor Jenco Addressed the City Council and Submitted a Letter to the Council Regarding the Elwood/Joliet Boundary Line Agreement (No comments were given by the City Council)

December 12, 2019 **Email from Village Administrator Friebele to Mayor O'Dekirk (cc: City Council, Deputy City Manager Jones, Mayor Jenco)**
(No response)



July 21, 2017

Honorable Bob O'DeKirk, Mayor
City of Joliet
150 W. Jefferson Street
Joliet, IL 60432

Dear Mayor O'DeKirk,

In accordance with several conversations we have recently had, I am formally requesting that the Joliet City Council consider the extension of the Boundary Agreement with the Village of Elwood. The current agreement expires December 31, 2019, a copy of said agreement is attached.

Please contact me to advise when the City Council will be considering this extension.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd C. Matichak".

Todd C. Matichak
Village President

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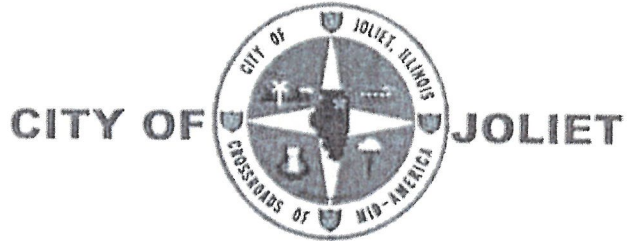
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Marin J. Shanahan, Jr.
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150 WEST JEFFERSON STREET
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February 1, 2018

Dave Silverman
Mahoney Silverman & Cross
822 Infantry Drive
Joliet IL 60435

Dear Mr. Silverman:

It is my understanding that you represent the Village of Elwood. In response to inquiries to the City of Joliet regarding extension of the Elwood/Joliet Boundary Agreement, we are requesting said discussions be postponed until next year (2019) because the boundary agreement does not expire until December 31, 2019.

Please pass along said correspondence to your client. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

Martin J. Shanahan, Jr
Corporation Counsel

MJS/kmo

cc: Joliet City Manager, David Hales
Joliet Mayor, Bob O'Dekirk



December 12, 2018

Honorable Bob O'DeKirk, Mayor
City of Joliet
150 W. Jefferson Street
Joliet, IL 60432

Dear Mayor O'DeKirk,

In accordance with our past correspondence, I am formally requesting that the Joliet City Council consider the extension of the Boundary Agreement with the Village of Elwood. The current agreement expires December 31, 2019, a copy of said agreement is attached.

Please contact me to advise when the City Council will be considering this extension.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Doug Jenco". The signature is written in a cursive style with several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Doug Jenco
Village President

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Julie Friebele <julie.friebele@villageofelwood.com>

Fwd: Boundary Line Agreement

1 message

Doug Jenco <doug.jenco@villageofelwood.com>
To: julie.friebele@villageofelwood.com

Thu, Jan 10, 2019 at 4:52 PM

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "O'Dekirk, Robert" <rodekirk@jolietcity.org>
Date: January 10, 2019 at 2:09:38 PM CST
To: 'Doug Jenco' <doug.jenco@villageofelwood.com>
Cc: "Shanahan, Martin" <mshanahan@jolietcity.org>, "Regis, Christopher" <cregis@jolietcity.org>
Subject: RE: Boundary Line Agreement

Mayor Jenco

Good to hear from you and I hope things are going well in Elwood. I'm sorry for the confusion I thought we did respond last year. Joliet's position is that we will re negotiate that agreement when it is set to expire, which will happen at the end of this year. Again, I'm sorry for the lack of response. Last year when this was sent to me I forwarded it to the City Manager and I remember having internal discussions, but I apologize for not responding. Again, I hope you are doing well and I will talk to you soon.

Bob O'Dekirk

From: Doug Jenco [mailto:doug.jenco@villageofelwood.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 08, 2019 5:36 PM
To: O'Dekirk, Robert <rodekirk@jolietcity.org>
Cc: Julie Friebele <julie.friebele@villageofelwood.com>
Subject: Boundary Line Agreement

Good Afternoon Mr. O'Dekirk,

On December 12, 2018 I sent you a letter to consider the extension of the boundary agreement by and between the City of Joliet and the Village of Elwood. As you are aware the current agreement expires December 31, 2019. I attached both a copy of the letter sent to you on December 12, 2018 and the Boundary Line Agreement for your reference.

Please contact me to discuss.

Thank you,

Doug Jenco

Village President

Village of Elwood

815-641-0214

From: Julie Friebele <julie.friebele@villageofelwood.com>

Sent: Monday, March 04, 2019 5:48 PM

To: 'ROdekirk@joliectcity.org' <ROdekirk@joliectcity.org>

Cc: Doug Jenco <doug.jenco@villageofelwood.com>; 'Shanahan, Martin' <mshanahan@joliectcity.org>;

'Lhug@joliectcity.org' <Lhug@joliectcity.org>; 'pmudron@joliectcity.org' <pmudron@joliectcity.org>;

'jgerl@joliectcity.org' <jgerl@joliectcity.org>; 'bgavin@joliectcity.org' <bgavin@joliectcity.org>;

'Tmorris@joliectcity.org' <Tmorris@joliectcity.org>; 'ddickinson@joliectcity.org' <ddickinson@joliectcity.org>;

'janquillman@att.net' <janquillman@att.net>; 'miket@sowic.org' <miket@sowic.org>

Subject: Boundary Agreement between the City of Joliet and the Village of Elwood

Importance: High

Good Afternoon Mayor O'DeKirk,

The Village of Elwood is formally requesting that the Joliet City Council consider an amendment to the Boundary Agreement between the Village and the City of Joliet. As per our correspondence with you on December 12, 2018 indicated the current agreement expires December 31, 2019, which is only a few short months away. Attached is a copy of the said boundary agreement. The Village of Elwood is proposing to extend the terms of the Agreement for a period of fifteen (15) years while keeping all of the other terms and conditions in place. The Agreement may go for twenty (20) years, however, I thought that since the original Agreement was for 15 years, perhaps better to keep it at that term.

Please contact me to advise when the City Council will be considering this amendment.

Thank you for your assistance in this important matter.

Sincerely,

Julie Friebele

Interim Village Administrator

Village of Elwood

401 E. Mississippi Avenue

Elwood, IL 60421

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Julie Friebele <julie.friebele@villageofelwood.com>

FW: Boundary Agreement between the City of Joliet and the Village of Elwood

1 message

Julie Friebele <julie.friebele@villageofelwood.com>

Wed, Apr 17, 2019 at 5:04 PM

To: "Shanahan, Martin" <mshanahan@jolietcity.org>, ROdekirk@jolietcity.org

Cc: Doug Jenco <doug.jenco@villageofelwood.com>, Lhug@jolietcity.org, pmudron@jolietcity.org, jgerl@jolietcity.org, bgavin@jolietcity.org, Tmorris@jolietcity.org, ddickinson@jolietcity.org, janquillman@att.net, miket@sowic.org

Good Afternoon Mayor O'Dekirk and Mr. Shanahan,

Mr. Shanahan per our phone conversation last month you were going to discuss the Village of Elwood's request concerning extending the boundary line agreement with Mayor O'Dekirk and out of professional courtesy you would respond to me as to what Mayor O'Dekirk's position was on extending the said agreement. I have not received any correspondence from you.

Attached is a copy of the boundary agreement dated April 20, 2004, and also a draft Boundary Line Amendment. The Village of Elwood is proposing to extend the terms of the Agreement for a period of fifteen (15) years while keeping all of the other terms and conditions in place. The Agreement may go for twenty (20) years, however, I thought that since the original Agreement was for 15 years, perhaps better to keep it at that term.

Please contact me as soon as possible to advise when the City Council will consider this amendment.

Thank you,

Julie Friebele

Interim Village Administrator

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Julie Friebele <julie.friebele@villageofelwood.com>

RE: Boundary Agreement between the City of Joliet and the Village of Elwood

1 message

Jones, Steve <sjones@joliet.gov>

Tue, Jul 2, 2019 at 4:30 PM

To: Julie Friebele <julie.friebele@villageofelwood.com>

Cc: "O'Dekirk, Robert" <rodekirk@jolietcity.org>, "Shanahan, Martin" <mshanahan@joliet.gov>, "Jackson, Kendall B" <kjackson@jolietcity.org>

Hi Julie –

I have attached a letter responding to your boundary agreement request. A hard copy will also be mailed. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Steve Jones

Deputy City Manager/Economic Development Director

City of Joliet

150 West Jefferson

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From: Julie Friebele <julie.friebele@villageofelwood.com>

Sent: Thursday, June 27, 2019 1:00 PM

To: O'Dekirk, Robert <rodekirk@jolietcity.org>; Jones, Steve <sjones@joliet.gov>

Cc: Dickinson, Don <ddickinson@jolietcity.org>; Hug, Larry <lhug@jolietcity.org>; Morris, Terry <tmorris@jolietcity.org>; Mudron, Pat <pmudron@jolietcity.org>; Turk, Michael F <mturk@jolietcity.org>; Gavin, Bettye <bgavin@jolietcity.org>; janquillman@att.net; Reardon, Sherri <sreardon@jolietcity.org>; Doug Jenco <doug.jenco@villageofelwood.com>

Subject: Boundary Agreement between the City of Joliet and the Village of Elwood

Importance: High

Good Afternoon,

Once again we are reaching out to the City of Joliet and requesting the City Council consider extending the boundary line agreement with the Village of Elwood. The current boundary line agreement between the City of Joliet and Village of Elwood expires December 31, 2019.

Attached is a copy of the boundary agreement dated April 20, 2004, and also a draft Boundary Line Amendment. The Village of Elwood is proposing to extend the terms of the Agreement for a period of fifteen (15) years while keeping all of the other terms and conditions in place. The Agreement may go for twenty (20) years, however, I thought that since the original Agreement was for 15 years, perhaps better to keep it at that term.

Please contact me as soon as possible to advise when the City Council will consider the boundary line amendment.

Thank you,

Julie Friebele

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From: Julie Friebele <julie.friebele@villageofelwood.com>

Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2019 5:04 PM

To: 'Shanahan, Martin' <mshanahan@jolietcity.org>; 'ROdekirk@jolietcity.org' <ROdekirk@jolietcity.org>

Cc: 'Doug Jenco' <doug.jenco@villageofelwood.com>; 'Lhug@jolietcity.org' <Lhug@jolietcity.org>;

'pmudron@jolietcity.org' <pmudron@jolietcity.org>; 'jgerl@jolietcity.org' <jgerl@jolietcity.org>;

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'ddickinson@jolietcity.org' <ddickinson@jolietcity.org>; 'janquillman@att.net' <janquillman@att.net>;

'miket@sowic.org' <miket@sowic.org>

Subject: FW: Boundary Agreement between the City of Joliet and the Village of Elwood

Importance: High

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
STEVE JONES
INTERIM CITY MANAGER
PHONE: 815/724-3720
FAX: 815/724-3737
sjones@jolietycity.org



150 WEST JEFFERSON STREET
JOLIET, ILLINOIS 60432-4158

July 2, 2019

Julie Friebele
Interim Village Administrator
Village of Elwood
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Elwood, IL 60421

RE: Request for Boundary Agreement Extension

Dear Julie:

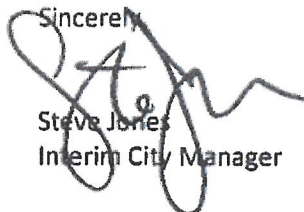
We have received your request seeking a time extension of the Elwood-Joliet Boundary Agreement that will expire on December 31, 2019.

Joliet is in the process of retaining a consultant to undertake a comprehensive land use plan for the entire city. Although we have adopted a number of sub-area plans over the past several decades, the comprehensive plan initiative will analyze land use and growth on a citywide basis and provide us with much needed information as to both future development and redevelopment.

In view of the fact this planning initiative will soon be underway, it is premature for the City to engage in an extension of the boundary agreement at this time. While we will continue to respect and honor the boundary and calendar terms of the existing agreement, we will defer any amendments or time extensions to preserve the need for flexibility that may arise from recommendations emanating from the final plan.

The estimated timeline for the completion of the plan is currently estimated to be 18-24 months. This will be a very public process with many elements of citizen engagement and input. Upon completion, dialogue regarding our agreement would certainly be an appropriate topic of discussion. I would certainly urge you to check in periodically regarding the status of the plan. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (815) 724-3734.

Sincerely,



Steve Jones
Interim City Manager

cc: Bob O'Dekirk, Mayor
Martin Shanahan, Corporation Counsel
Kendall Jackson, Community Development Director

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From: Julie Friebele <julie.friebele@villageofelwood.com>

Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2019 3:14 PM

To: Jones, Steve <sjones@joliet.gov>

Cc: Doug Jenco <doug.jenco@villageofelwood.com>

Subject: RE: Boundary Agreement between the City of Joliet and the Village of Elwood

Good Afternoon Mr. Jones,

We received your letter responding to the request relating to the City of Joliet/Village of Elwood boundary line agreement extension. Is there any chance we could set up an appointment to come and discuss this issue with you?

Sincerely,

Thank you,

Julie Friebele

Village Administrator

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Julie Friebele <julie.friebele@villageofelwood.com>

RE: Boundary Agreement between the City of Joliet and the Village of Elwood

1 message

Julie Friebele <julie.friebele@villageofelwood.com>
To: "Jones, Steve" <sjones@joliet.gov>
Cc: Doug Jenco <doug.jenco@villageofelwood.com>

Mon, Jul 29, 2019 at 12:54 PM

Great, on the Village of Elwood side we will include Village President Jenco, Village Attorney and myself.

Thank you,

Julie Friebele

Village Administrator

Village of Elwood

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From: Jones, Steve <sjones@joliet.gov>

Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 11:58 AM

To: Julie Friebele <julie.friebele@villageofelwood.com>

Cc: Doug Jenco <doug.jenco@villageofelwood.com>

Subject: RE: Boundary Agreement between the City of Joliet and the Village of Elwood

I will have our staff provide you with some potential meeting dates. On the Joliet side, this will include our Mayor, Corporation Counsel & me.

Steve Jones

Interim City Manager

City of Joliet

September 9, 2019

Mr. Steve Jones
Deputy City Manager/Economic Development Director
City of Joliet
150 West Jefferson
Joliet, IL 60432-4158

RE: Boundary Line Amendment between City of Joliet and Village of Elwood

Dear Mr. Jones,


The current boundary line agreement between the City of Joliet and Village of Elwood expires December 31, 2019.

The Village of Elwood is proposing to extend the terms of the Agreement for a period of fifteen (15) years while keeping all of the other terms and conditions in place.

The Village of Elwood is formally requesting the City of Joliet consider the Boundary Line Amendment between City of Joliet and Village of Elwood to be placed on the agenda for the September 30, 2019 Pre-Council Meeting, and the October 1, 2019 Regular Council Meeting.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



Julie Friebele
Village Administrator

Enclosures:

- Boundary Agreement dated April 20, 2004 between City of Joliet and Village of Elwood.
- Draft Boundary Line Amendment between City of Joliet and Village of Elwood

CC: Doug Jenco, Village President



Julie Friebele <julie.friebele@villageofelwood.com>

Boundary Agreement

1 message

Jones, Steve <sjones@joliet.gov>

Tue, Sep 17, 2019 at 9:04 PM

To: Julie Friebele <julie.friebele@villageofelwood.com>, Dave Silverman <dsilverman@msclawfirm.com>

Under my CM Report at tonight's Council meeting I brought up the request to discuss the boundary agreement. There was no support to put this matter on the agenda.

I wanted to give you both a heads-up since the Herald News was present.

Sent from my iPhone

Village of
Elwood IL, USA

September 30, 2019

Mayor O'DeKirk and members of the City Council,

My name is Doug Jenco. I am the Village President of the Village of Elwood.

I come before you tonight on behalf of the residents of the Village of Elwood to request that the current Boundary Line Agreement between Elwood and Joliet be extended for an additional 15 years.

The current Boundary Line Agreement was for a period of 15 years and it makes good sense to continue it on.

Manager Jones spoke to you at the last Council meeting about Elwood's request to extend the Boundary Line Agreement. Mr. Jones stated that because the Joliet Comprehensive Plan update was now in process that no decision should be made on the Boundary Line Agreement until after the Plan is complete.

Frankly, that strikes me as a convenient excuse. The Village of Elwood has requested the Boundary Line extension since July 21, 2017. Numerous requests have been made to Joliet for two (2) years to no avail. The Village was told in writing by Martin Shanahan and Mayor O'DeKirk that it was too soon to address the issue and we will re-negotiate when the agreement is set to expire, which will happen at the end of the year. Now the City has refused to consider the extension citing the Comprehensive Plan as the basis for the City's refusal to extend the Agreement.

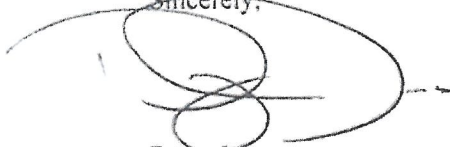
The City of Joliet has Boundary Line Agreements with all or most of its neighbors. The City is willing to work around all of these Boundary Lines in forward of its Comprehensive Plan but not Elwood's.

I have been told over and over again that Joliet intends to proceed with the Northpoint Development after the Boundary Line Agreement expires. If this is true, it is unfortunate that the City has allowed a Developer to form a wedge between the two municipalities that have respected a common border for the last 15 years.

Again, my request is that you extend the Boundary Line Agreement for 15 years. If you are unwilling to do this and your concern is truly to postpone the extension decision until after the Comprehensive Plan is completed, then the Boundary Line could be extended for two years until the Plan is complete.

In any event, if Boundary Line discussions are premature because the Comprehensive Plan is in the works, then it would likewise make no sense to discuss, plan or approve development projects in this area until the Comprehensive Plan is complete, and you should voice your commitment to place a moratorium on development in the area until the Plan is approved.

Sincerely,



Doug Jenco
Village President



Julie Friebele <julie.friebele@villageofelwood.com>

Boundary line agreement between the City of Joliet and the Village of Elwood expires December 31, 2019

1 message

Julie Friebele <julie.friebele@villageofelwood.com>

Thu, Dec 12, 2019 at 1:08 PM

To: Robert <rodekirk@jolietcity.org>

Cc: Bettye <bgavin@jolietcity.org>, Don <ddickinson@jolietcity.org>, Larry <lhug@jolietcity.org>, Terry <tmorris@jolietcity.org>, Pat <pmudron@jolietcity.org>, Michael F <mturk@jolietcity.org>, janquillman@att.net, Sherri <sreardon@jolietcity.org>, Doug Jenco <doug.jenco@villageofelwood.com>, Steve <sjones@joliet.gov>

Good Afternoon,

Once again, the Village of Elwood is reaching out to the City of Joliet and requesting the City Council consider extending the boundary line agreement with the Village of Elwood. The current boundary line agreement between the City of Joliet and the Village of Elwood expires December 31, 2019.

The Village previously requested to extend the terms of the agreement for a period of fifteen (15) years while keeping all of the other terms and conditions in place and additionally requested this agreement be added to the City's agenda for consideration. Steve Jones contacted me via email noting that he discussed the request with City Council under City Managers' report at the October 1st council meeting and that the City did not have interest to consider extending the agreement. Mr. Jones also stated that Joliet did not want to consider the agreement because the City will be working on its comprehensive plan for the next 2 to 3 years.

Elwood is now requesting that Joliet consider extending the agreement for two (2) to three (3) years while Joliet develops its updated comprehensive plan.

Please contact me as soon as possible to advise when the City Council will consider the boundary line agreement.

Sincerely,

Julie Friebele

Village Administrator

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*No Response
Received*

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