Resolution 2023-01

Resolution opposing the construction of the proposed drug and substance abuse rehabilitation center in the Town of Cassian

Whereas, the citizens of Cassian Township and the Town Board of Cassian were never consulted about the construction of a drug and substance abuse rehabilitation center ("Rehab Center") in their community by the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal, Council Inc.; and

Whereas, the infrastructure of the Town of Cassian is not designed to and unable to support the construction and maintain the day-to-day demands of the proposed Rehab Center; particularly at a time when Cassian Township is receiving less funding and struggling to meet its basic infrastructure and public safety needs; and

Whereas, the proposed Rehab Center will cause a reduction in property value according to numerous studies and reports, and cause undue economic harm to the citizens of Cassian Township through no fault of their own; and

Whereas, subsequent reduction in property values and economic activity will reduce the revenue of the Town of Cassian and further diminish the town's ability to meet its obligation to the citizens of the Town of Cassian; and

Whereas, the proposed Rehab Center will negatively impact the welfare, public health, and safety of the citizens of the Town Cassian due to the increased public safety demands for a remote location which is already dealing with pre-existing challenges caused by long response times for EMS and/or law enforcement to respond to incidents in the Town of Cassian; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, by the Cassian Town Board hereby requests that the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. immediately halt the planned construction of the proposed Rehab Center in the Town of Cassian.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Cassian Town Board requests the Oneida County Planning and Zoning Committee and the Oneida County Board of Supervisors to deny zoning permits for the proposed Rehab Center unless demonstrable guarantees are provided to the citizens of the Town of Cassian that the proposed Rehab Center will not negatively impact the welfare, economic security, and public safety of the citizens of Cassian Township.

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Effect on property value

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Adopted the 11th day of September 2023 by the Town Board of Cassian, Oneida County, WI

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Attest: Stacey Plamann, Town Clerk