

1. **What is incorporation?**

Incorporation is the process of creating new villages or cities from townships. While cities, villages, and towns are all forms of local government within the State of Wisconsin, the State Legislature grants cities the largest number of municipal powers and towns with the most limited number of municipal powers.

2. **Why would the Town of Greenville want to incorporate into a village?**

The primary reason to incorporate into a village is to protect the municipal borders from annexation by other incorporated municipalities, the Town's tax base can be eroded through annexations; however, once incorporated, the newly incorporated village's lands would no longer be subject to annexation. Additional benefits include additional zoning authority, extra-territorial authority, subdivision autonomy, and community identity, amongst others.

3. **Will my taxes increase because of incorporation?**

No, taxes will not increase because of incorporation. Tax rates are established based upon the service level requested by the Town residents, and the assessed valuation of the Town. The Town presently maintains a service level necessary for incorporation; hence, no additional services will be required because of incorporation.

Furthermore, State law only allows a municipality to increase its levy over the amount it levied in the prior year by the percentage increase in equalized value from net new construction. If no new construction occurs, then the allowable levy increase is zero. This law applies to counties, cities, villages and towns.

4. **If incorporation occurs, will the newly created village seek the annexation of territory from surrounding Towns like Ellington, Hortonia, Grand Chute, etc.?**

No, the current Town Board desires to enter into municipal boundary agreements with our adjacent Towns to protect their respective borders. Based on the Town of Greenville's current land area and proposed incorporation area, no additional territory is needed or desired for the foreseeable future.

5. **If incorporation occurs, who will provide municipal services for the residents and businesses residing in the new village?**

Upon incorporation the new village will continue all municipal services as if no change had occurred.

6. **Is it true that the new village would be required to provide for its own Police Department or a full-time Fire Department? Would the new village be required to build a library or swimming pool?**

No, the Town of Greenville already maintains a service level necessary for incorporation— the Town would not be required to operate its own Police Department or a full-time Fire Department. Nor would the Town be required to build a library or community swimming pool.

7. **Is it true that the Town Board is using incorporation to build a new fire and safety building without elector approval?**

No, the Town Board approved a resolution on April 23, 2018 to hold a Referendum to fund the constructing and equipping of a new fire and safety building during the Partisan Primary Election on August 14, 2018.

8. **If the Town incorporates into a village will my mailing address change?**

No, upon incorporation there would be no change to any mailing addresses—all residents and businesses would maintain their current postal code mailing addresses. In the future, the new village could review options of changing mailing addresses if desired, but it is the United States Post Office's preference to not change mailing addresses due to the incorporation.

9. **If the Town incorporates into a village will a new school district be required to be formed to serve the residents of the village?**

No, a new school district would not be required to be formed—the current school district boundaries would remain in place.

10. Does the Town of Greenville need to change its name after Incorporation?

No, the Town Board has selected the name Village of Greenville.

11. Where can I go to find additional information regarding incorporation?

The Town's website (<http://www.townofgreenville.com>) will contain a compilation of information including maps, charts, contact information, and other reference materials; specifically the following page has been created: http://www.townofgreenville.com/news_detail_T6_R60.php

12. Who to contact?

Questions, comments or concerns can be directed to Town Administrator Joel Gregozeski. Joel can be reached at (920) 757-5151 or by email at: joelg@townofgreenville.com