

TOWN OF LOWELL, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
TOWN COUNCIL
RESOLUTION No. 2016- 08

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE CURRENTLY PROPOSED ROUTING
OF THE GREAT LAKES BASIN FREIGHT RAIL LINE

WHEREAS, Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc., plans to file a request with the "Surface Transportation Board to construct and operate an approximately 278-mile freight rail line; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rail line could consist of up to six (6) tracks; and

WHEREAS, a public meeting for the scope of the environmental impact study was held in Lowell on April 12th; and

WHEREAS, the currently proposed routing runs the entire width of Lake County from east to west and in close proximity to the Town of Lowell Town; and

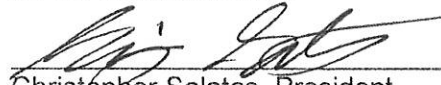
WHEREAS, the significant environmental impacts and dangers would include transportation of hazardous materials, closure of local roads, potential devaluing of property, drainage issues, and negative impacts on future land use. The proposed rail line routing would also create noise, vibration and considerable safety concerns; and

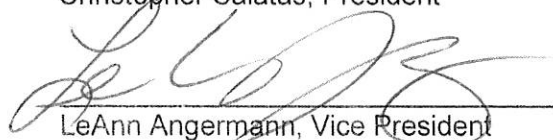
WHEREAS, the proposed routing crosses through the Town's water system wellfield, is in close proximity to one of our Lowell school buildings and is potentially damaging to the Town's economic development potential;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the undersigned that the Town of Lowell Town Council wish to go on record as opposing the currently proposed routing of the Great Lakes Basin Transportation, Inc.'s proposed freight rail line.

DULY PASSED, RESOLVED, AND ADOPTED by the Lowell Town Council of the Town of Lowell, Lake County, Indiana, this 13th day of June, 2016.

TOWN OF LOWELL, LAKE COUNTY, INDIANA
BY ITS TOWN COUNCIL:


Christopher Salatas, President


LeAnn Angermann, Vice President


Edgar M. Corns, Member


Will Farrellbegg, Member


Michael Gruszka, Member

ATTEST:


Judith Walters, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED BY THE EXECUTIVE this 13th day of June, 2016.


Christopher Salatas, President

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