

Time Sequence for Merger of Townships under IC 36-6-1.5

The townships must first negotiate how they want to do the merger and prepare draft resolutions.

At a meeting of the boards of the merging townships, the resolutions should be "introduced" so that they become a public document.

The respective townships should set a date for a public meeting on the proposed resolutions, which date must be at least thirty (30) days after the resolution was introduced.

The respective townships should publish notice of the public meeting to discuss the proposed merger and resolution. Notice must be published according to IC 5-3-1 and must be published once, at least ten (10) days before the meeting.

Once the townships hold the public meeting, they have ninety (90) days from the meeting date to adopt the resolutions.

Once the resolutions are adopted, they should be filed with (1) the Department of Local Government Finance; (2) the Circuit Court Clerk of the County in which the townships are located; and (3) the Indiana Secretary of State.

A township may not adopt a resolution after January 1 of a calendar year in which a township trustee is to be elected in a general election.

A merger takes effect on January 1 of the year following the adoption of the resolutions.