

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF WILLIAMS
CITY OF AUBURN
INTERGOVERNMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING 2-10-10
APPROVED**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Betty Owen at 7:00p.m. at the Township office.

Committee Members present: Tom Paige, Paul Wasek, Tom Putt, Eric Larsen, and Betty Owen.

Committee Members absent: Bill Reder, Rebecca King, Ron Kohn, Jim Dominowski.

Others Present: Ann Machelski.

2. Introduction of Guests: Jo Ella Krantz, City Administrator was introduced and welcomed. Al VanOchten, City DPW Director was unable to attend due to the vast snow removal taking place.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States was said in unison.

5. Review and Approval of Minutes

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T. Paige made a motion to approve the Minutes as written. P. Wasek supported the motion and it passed unanimously.

6. Discuss possible future coordination of leaf pickup/wood chipping

At the last meeting this was one of the ideas brought up. B. Owen stated that although Al was unable to attend, she did have an opportunity to discuss this with him. Al is very willing to consider cooperating in services/equipment as the City and Township agrees in the future. He did state that the City had difficulty in leave pick up this past summer because the sweeper was broken.

Jo Ella Krantz and E. Larsen advised that the sweeper was never designed for leaf pick up, but rather sweeping streets and cleaning storm drains. E. Larsen stated that Al is currently looking at a new piece of equipment for leaf pick up. E. Larsen will be going to Ithaca to look at it also. B. Owen stated that Al had told her that he would like this next year to iron out the difficulties in the City and then consider the Township if that is what the City Commissioners would like.

Paul Wasek stated that that would be great, because the Township is not able to commit to sharing or renting the equipment at this time. The Township will need to determine if their residents are willing to pay for the service and how that collection might occur.

There was discussion of the wood chipper being used by the township. Jo Ella stated that the use of the equipment might be considered, but the City doesn't always have the manpower to send outside of the City. Jo Ella will email everyone the website for the State's Rental Rate book.

It was agreed that nothing would be done in this area until the Township had time to evaluate their need and the City DPW Director was comfortable adding to the pickup schedule. Should this look like a viable cooperative option, the topic will be presented to the City Commission and Township Trustees for consideration.

7. Discuss Possible Future Topics of Cooperation

It was stated that the snow removal at the fire station still has a few communication bugs, but P. Wasek and J. Krantz are working them out.

E. Larsen stated that he called and requested that the City DPW employees plow in the outer area of the house fire in the township on February 9th. He stated that it was very icy and he was concern someone would slip and fall.

P. Wasek stated that the house adjacent (west) to the Fire Department was turned back to the bank. He has requested first notification of the sale. He stated that this would be excellent land should the fire department need to expand and it would never be purchased as inexpensively as under this condition. He suggested that perhaps the City and Township might consider purchasing the land jointly on behalf of the fire department.

There was some discussion of possibly building a spray park for kids on the back grassy area of the fire department if the other land is purchased in exchange for the grassy area. These discussions lead into further discussion of how the communities might create a safe walkway or bike path to the City and Township parks. It was agreed that the communities have a great recreation program thanks to the people serving on that committee.

It was discussed that it would be nice to have sidewalks to the parks, but may not be affordable. It was also suggested that signage to the parks might be helpful. P. Wasek said he would get cost estimate to add pedestrian signals at the Midland/Garfield intersection.

J. Krantz stated that Consumers power has a shovel ready project to replace power poles from Roberts Street to Garfield Road.

P. Wasek inquired about the new street lighting the City is installing. He is interested in the Township considering putting matching lighting on the Township side (west) of Garfield Road so that it looks like a completed intersection. It was stated that the Independent Bank has plans to upgrade the look of their property. The lighting project is part of a project being done by the D.D.A. Their next meeting is February 23rd at 10:00 in the City offices. They meet on the last Tuesday of every month.

Another topic thought about at the last meeting was the possibility of a brochure combining the assets of the City and Township. This could be a printed brochure or one put on the websites. It was suggested that it would be good to invite Fred Hollister from Bay Future to discuss this with us. After some discussion, it was agreed that before the committee investigates this project, P. Wasek would check with the Chamber of Commerce to determine if this is something they are doing or would like our committee to pursue.

8. New Business

None

9. Public Comment

Ann Machelski stated that she agreed that there is not a safe way to walk from one park to the other and that we do have a great recreational program.

10. Next Meeting

It was agreed the next meeting would be April 14th at 7:00pm.

11. Adjournment

T. Paige made a motion to adjourn at 8:20. T. Putt supported the motion.