

**AUBURN - WILLIAMS INTERGOVERNMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**SPECIAL JOINT MEETING 6-17-09**  
**APPROVED MINUTES**

The Auburn City Commission and the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Williams held a special joint meeting with the Auburn –Williams Intergovernmental Advisory Committee on Wednesday June 17, 2009 at the Williams Township Hall.

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Tom Paige, Township Supervisor, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken for the Williams Township Board of Trustees.

The City of Auburn was called to order by Mayor McNally. Roll call was taken for the Auburn City Commission.

Chairperson, Betty Owen called the Auburn Williams Intergovernmental Advisory Committee to order. Roll call was taken, present: Tom Paige, Ron Kohn, John McNally, Bill Reder, Jim Dominowski, Paul Wasek, Rebecca King, and Betty Owen. Absent: none.

Also present: JoElla Krantz, City Administrator; Karen Bellor, City Clerk; Sylvester Poltorak, City Officer; John Miller, Bay County Sheriff; and Pat Beson Chair of Bay County Commission. Several City and Township residents (see attached copy of the list- not all attendees signed in).

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**III Introduction of Guest**

Tom Paige welcomed everyone to the meeting. He introduced JoElla Krantz, City Administrator; Karen Bellor, City Clerk; Sylvester Poltorak, City Police Officer; John Miller, Bay County Sheriff; and Pat Beson Chair of Bay County Commission. Tom Paige also stated that Bay3TV was set up to video record this meeting. Other press representatives were also present.

**IV. Report of the Auburn Williams Intergovernmental Advisory Committee**

Tom Paige stated that the Auburn Williams Intergovernmental Advisory Committee has concluded their research on possible ways the Township and City could share law enforcement services to reduce cost or to increase the hours of coverage. The Committee presented all of the information they gathered along with their conclusion which includes five options in a Final Report to the City Commission and the Township Board. Tom Paige reviewed the Committee's Report with a power point presentation. The introduction of the power point presentation explained that the purpose of this meeting is to inform the public of information included in the Final Report of the Auburn Williams Intergovernmental Advisory Committee in regard to law enforcement service for the City and Township and to receive public comment regarding the report and options. Tom Paige explained that it is expected that no decision would be made at this meeting. He also reviewed that the meeting notices were sent out the week of

June 2<sup>nd</sup> to the residents and businesses in the City and Township newsletters and meeting notices were posted at the City and Township offices. The meeting notice and the full AWIAC Report were posted on the Township website.

Tom Paige added informational comments as he explained the report (see attached power point). Upon conclusion of the Report, he thanked the members of the Intergovernmental Committee for researching and compiling the information for the City Commission and the Township Board of Trustees. He also explained that the Township does not have a decision to make until the City Commission determines the method of law enforcement services to use in the City. And no decision is necessary from the Township Board if Auburn maintains their own Police Department as is or with part time officers.

#### **V. Auburn Update**

John McNally advised that the cost estimates in the Report were based on the 2008 information provided by the City and Township. The City Commission asked for updated estimates at their last meeting. He reviewed the power point slides explaining:

Option 1 - estimate for 1 full time chief & 1 full time officer is \$206,450 for 80 hours of coverage.

Option 1A - estimate for 1 full time chief & 2 part time officers is \$190,594 for 96 hours of coverage.

Option 4 – estimate for 1 full time officer & 1 deputy is \$182,817 for 40 hours city officer and possible 80 hours shared with township for a total of 120 hours.

Option 2 – estimate for 2 sheriff's deputies contracted is \$161,224 for 160 hours of shared coverage.

John McNally stated that at the City meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup>, the Sheriff did state that he would be willing to hire Officer Poltorak. He also stated that more hours of coverage available to the City and the Township will benefit everyone.

#### **VI. Public Comment**

Tom Paige outlined the rules for public comment to assure that all persons that wanted to speak had an opportunity to do so. He advised that comments cards were available at the sign in table for anyone who wanted to comment in writing in lieu of appearing in person to make verbal comments. He also advised that comments could be sent to the City or Township offices.

Twenty five people made public comment and Ann Macheliski read a letter from a city resident.

#### **VII. City Commission, Township Board, AWIAC, and Guest Comments**

Tom Paige commented that he wanted to clarify that since the Report was written; the Sheriff attended a City meeting and stated that he would hire Officer Poltorak. He also stated that the deputies for Williams Township have been responding to the City when it is a life threatening call and there isn't a City officer available. Tom Paige stated that the next step is the City's. They need to determine the means in which they are going to provide law enforcement. There is not a decision to be made by the Township at this time, and may not be one depending on the City's decision. He stated that the Committee and the Township do not play a role in the City's decision making process.

William Reder thanked everyone for coming and stated that the City Commission has a difficult decision to make to provide acceptable law enforcement while being fiscally responsible. He stated that this meeting was a chance for everyone to comment and the Commission will strongly consider all of the comments they have received and will not rush into a decision. He also thanked the Committee for their effort.

Ann Machelski thanked everyone for coming and stated that at the last Commission meeting they received a petition of 256 signatures in support of the City keeping their own station.

Sheriff Miller stated that he wanted to clarify that the Committee approached him for information and a proposal. He stated that if the City chose to sub contract with the department, they would have fine deputies. He also stated that no grant dollars would be used to fund the deputies that are under contract with communities. He stated that he did request a grant to assist in general road patrol, but it is not certain that that grant will be received.

Sylvester Poltorak stated that he has tried to give his best police service to the City. If he were hired by the Sheriff's Department he would be low in seniority and not likely assigned to Auburn. He felt this would not be the best for the City or for him. He stated that he is not looking for another job – he works for Auburn. He also stated that he is a Medical First Responder and trains with the fire department. He stated that he was humbled by the support shown for him this evening.

#### **VIII. Other**

There was no other business.

#### **IX. Adjournment**

There being no further comment by the City Commission, Township Board, AWIAC, or Guest, Tom Paige called for adjournment by unanimous consent.

The meeting ended at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:  
Betty Owen