

# VILLAGE OF SARANAC

Cooperation, Collaboration and Consolidation of Services Plan

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Economic Vitality Incentive Program

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Available for public review at 27 N Bridge Street, Saranac (Village Office) and at [www.villageofsaranacmi.org](http://www.villageofsaranacmi.org)

## **PREVIOUS/CURRENT SERVICE CONSOLIDATIONS**

<u>Description of Service</u>	<u>Participating Units</u>	<u>Estimated Annual Cost Savings</u>
Property & Liability Insurance	Michigan Municipal League	\$4,000
Workers' Compensation Insurance	Michigan Municipal League	\$7,500
Ambulance Services	Life EMS/Various Entities	\$75,000
Emergency Medical Services & Fire Protection	Townships of Boston, Keene, Easton & Berlin	\$60,000
Police Protection	Ionia County Sheriff's Department	\$75,000

## **PLANNED SERVICE CONSOLIDATIONS**

<u>Description of Service</u>	<u>Participating Units</u>	<u>Estimated Annual Cost Savings</u>
*Emergency Medical Services & Fire Protection (amended and restated – see narrative below)	Townships of Boston, Keene, Easton & Berlin	\$75,000
Rail Trail Construction – Ionia to Saranac	City of Ionia, County of Ionia, Michigan DNR, Michigan DOT, Friends of Fred Meijer Grand River Valley Rail Trail	\$100,000
Election Services	Boston Township	\$1,000

\*The Village of Saranac has maintained a Fire Department Cooperative Agreement (current agreement) with Boston Township since 1986 and with the Townships of Keene, Easton and Berlin since 1995. We are currently in the process of amending and restating agreements (new agreement), for further clarification and to ensure the continued success of these relationships. As a component of the new agreement with Boston Township, they will be contributing a larger percentage toward capital purchases, such as new fire vehicles. As an example, according to the current agreement, the Village of Saranac and Boston Township each contribute 50% to the cost of new fire vehicles, after the townships of Keene, Easton and Berlin pay their proportionate share (% based on a five year run average). Proposed in the new agreement, Boston Township will pay 60% and the Village of Saranac will pay 40% toward the cost of new fire vehicles, after the proportionate shares of other townships is calculated. There is a cost benefit to all parties involved to have one centralized fire and rescue operation as opposed to each township having its own, thus reducing the amount of personnel, building, expenses and vehicles. The additional cost savings that the Village of Saranac will recognize due to this new agreement, is reflected in the “estimated annual cost savings column above”.