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Subject: Request for Approval by the Town of Waukesha of the City of Waukesha Water Supply Service Area Plan

Dear Ms Van Scyoc:

The purpose of this letter is to request review and approval by the Town of Waukesha of the City of Waukesha Water Supply Service Area Plan as discussed below.

Background and Regulatory Requirement

In December 2008, the Southeast Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC), in conjunction with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, delineated the water supply service area for the City of Waukesha which included an area of the Town of Waukesha. (Refer to Attachment 1.) This planning guidance was prepared in a manner consistent with the Waukesha County comprehensive plan, the *Regional Water Supply Plan for Southeastern Wisconsin*, and state planning requirements. The proposed water supply service area and population projections are a basis for the *Draft City of Waukesha Water Supply Service Area Plan, April 2010*. (Refer to Attachment 2.) This proposed water supply service area is consistent with the current sewer system services area that has been approved by the Town of Waukesha.

The City of Waukesha is making application for a diversion of Great Lakes water pursuant to Sections 281.346 and 281.348 Wis. Stats. The Great Lakes-Water Resources Compact and the Wisconsin Statutes adopted pursuant to the Compact require that the City document the public participation process conducted for the proposed Water Supply Area Plan, including evidence that the governing body of the Town of Waukesha addressed by the plan have approved the Water Supply Service Area Plan, hence this request to the Town of Waukesha.

The Town of Waukesha water supply is currently provided by private wells. The future decision of whether to develop a Town municipal water supply system is up to the Town of Waukesha. Municipal Great Lakes water supply would only be provided if needed and requested by the Town of Waukesha. The Town was included by SEWRPC in the City of Waukesha's future water supply service area because it may be served by municipal water service during the planning horizon that extends to year 2035. Approval of the City's Water Supply Service Area Plan does not financially or legally commit the Town to actual Great Lakes water supply but rather acknowledges the potential for Great Lakes Water supply of the

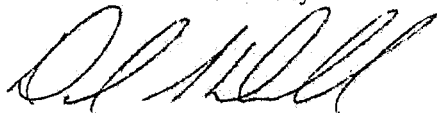
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designated area of the Town by the City sometime in the future. The Town will remain on its supply of private wells unless there is a water supply need and an initiative by the Town requesting Great Lakes water supply by the City for the designated service area. Non-approval by the Town of the City's Great Lakes water supply for the area of the Town designated by SEWRPC will result in this area being deleted from Great Lakes Water Supply Service by the City of Waukesha and revision of the Water Supply Service Area Plan. Approval of the City of Waukesha Water Supply Service Area Plan (Attachment 3) provides the Town with a contingency plan for water supply in the future if the Town ever decides to replace its private wells with a municipal supply.

Because our application for a Great Lakes water supply (Attachment 4) is currently pending before the DNR, we would appreciate a response by March 14, 2011. I would be happy to discuss this matter with you at your convenience. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Waukesha Water Utility



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Jeff Scrima, City of Waukesha Mayor
Curt Meitz, City of Waukesha Attorney

Attachments

- 1- Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission Letter, December 23, 2008
- 2- Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission Letter, March 17, 2009
- 3- Draft City of Waukesha Water Supply Service Area Plan, April 2010
- 4- Application for Great Lakes Water Supply, May 2010 (3 copies)



Town Of WAUKESHA

June 21, 2011

Re: Open Letter to the Elected Officials of the City of Waukesha

Dear Members of the Common Council and Mayor of the City of Waukesha:

We, the members of the Town of Waukesha Board, seek an opportunity to sit down with you as a group to have a direct and candid discussion about challenges which we collectively face as adjoining communities and thereby neighbors.

We seek this opportunity because we believe that our respective constituencies have elected all of us with the expectation that each of us search for ways to solve common issues that face everyone in the City and the Town.

To do so we believe that we must first recognize that we are facing similar concerns, but with different perspectives. In this regard, we need to help each other understand what those perspectives are and to do so we need to appreciate the underlying assumptions, and the goals which each of our communities have embraced as we have taken public positions on matters of high importance.

We believe that once this effort is made, we can then proceed to the second step which is to explore how we can collectively reconcile and accommodate the needs of the City and Town through the active involvement of elected officials in a hands-on fashion rather than by the cumbersome, time-consuming and proxy mechanism that we have used in the past, namely litigation.

Stated in a different way, we come here to ask you to meet with us as elected officials to explore ways to negotiate three key areas.

The first is water. We are mindful of the deadline that the City faces. At the same time, we are concerned that Town residents not be put in jeopardy with respect to its current and future availability to them to understand the future overall cost if the Town chooses to become, in whole or in part, part of the City's water service area.

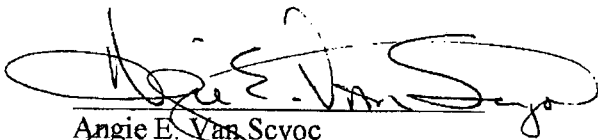
The second is traffic circulation. We are mindful of the City's and County's desire to facilitate safe access to and from I-94 from its western portion. At the same time, we are concerned that environmentally important areas and residential neighborhoods not be unreasonably compromised.

The third is zoning and development. It is our understanding that the City does not have a policy of requiring annexation as an absolute condition of providing water or sewer utility services. However, we are concerned that this approach has led to haphazard inductions of property into the City. We think that it is more rational for the City and the Town to examine, identify and plan for the orderly development of property presently within the Town with the objective of having joint City-Town involvement in utility expansion and incremental revenue sharing.

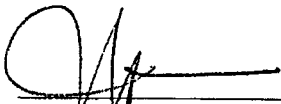
In conclusion, we want to express our sincere desire to work cooperatively with you on an equal footing and with mutual respect.

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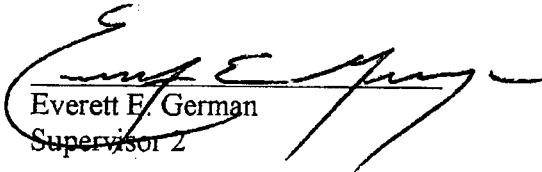
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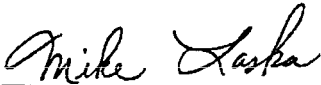
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