



29 September 2016

Village of Fox Crossing
Attn: Dale Younquist
2000 Municipal Drive
Neenah, WI 54956

Dear Village President Youngquist:

The City of Menasha and Town of Menasha have shared a boundary agreement for nearly the last 20 years. The boundary agreement was the foundation of and led to numerous partnerships, shared services, and intermunicipal agreements throughout that time period.

Last week the Village of Fox Crossing signed a new intermunicipal agreement that effectively eliminates the Town of Menasha creating numerous Village islands within the City of Menasha. While the City of Menasha intends to challenge that intermunicipal agreement, we also feel that we need to ensure that our residents continue to receive services in an efficient manner.

The incorporation of Fox Crossing will necessitate a review of agreements to determine if new agreements with the Village of Fox Crossing are advantageous for both communities. Over the years, the City has maintained areas within the City's designated growth area that were not within the corporate boundaries even though the City was not compensated. At this time the City of Menasha will not be taking responsibility for areas outside of its corporate boundaries without a formal agreement.

With public safety being of the utmost concern for both communities, it is my understanding that the Fox Valley Mutual Aid Agreement is already in the works to update the Town of Menasha to the Village of Fox Crossing. This is something we most certainly will continue to support as the agreement with our peer departments throughout the Fox Cities has proven beneficial to all.

Sincerely

Donald Merkes
Mayor, City of Menasha