

	Village of Eau Claire, Michigan	County of Berrien				
	6625 E. Main Street, P.O. Box 338					
	December 1, 2012					
Certification of Consolidation of Services UPDATE STATUS						
<i>Regional Initiative</i>	<i>Previous Year's Service Consolidation Proposals</i>	<i>Timeline to Accomplish Proposal</i>	<i>Jurisdictions Involved</i>	<i>Realized Savings (Loss)</i>	<i>Implementation Status of Proposal</i>	<i>Barriers Experienced in Implementing Proposal</i>
Police						
Sub Station	The Eau Claire Police Department is used as a shared sub station for the Berrien County Sheriffs Department at no cost to the county. By having the Sheriffs Department stopping in gives the village additional police coverage at no additional cost.	Currently in Use	Berrien County Sheriffs Department	Undeterminable / Value Added Service	<i>Implemented</i>	<i>No Barriers</i>
Mutual Aid	The Eau Claire Police Department responds to mutual aid when requested for the Berrien County Sheriffs Department	Currently in Use	Berrien County Sheriffs Department	Undeterminable / Value Added Service	<i>Implemented</i>	<i>No Barriers</i>
Fire						
Mowing	The Village Public works mows the Fire Department Property which is a savings to the Fire Department and Township Budgets	Currently in Use	Berrien Township & Pipestone Township	Average \$7,000.00	<i>Implemented</i>	<i>No Barriers</i>
Snow Plowing	The Village Public works plows the Fire Station which is a savings to the Fire Department and Township Budgets	Currently in Use	Berrien Township & Pipestone Township	Average \$3,000.00	<i>Implemented</i>	<i>No Barriers</i>

<i>Fire continued</i>						
Water/Sewer / Trash Pickup	The Village provides Water, Sewer and Trash pickup service to the Fire Station which is a savings to the Fire Department and Township Budgets. No additional fees are charged to fill tankers.	Currently in Use	Berrien Township & Pipestone Township	Average 12 mo. \$864.00	<i>Implemented</i>	<i>No Barriers</i>
<i>Public Works</i>						
DPW Mutual Aid	DPW Mutual Aid for manpower and equipment during emergency	Currently in Use	Berrien County Emergency Operations Plan	Undeterminable / Value Added Service	<i>Implemented</i>	<i>No Barriers</i>
Water Replacement Parts	DPW shares with Berrien Springs DPW for Water Meter & Water Replacement parts when needed	Currently in Use	Village of Berrien Springs	Undeterminable / Value Added Service	<i>Implemented</i>	<i>No Barriers</i>
<i>ADD 2012: MeMac (Michigan Emergency Management Act)</i>	<i>October 4, 2012 the Village signed a resolution to coordinate with MeMac in an emergency situation. Regards both manpower and equipment when needed</i>	<i>Joined 10/04/2012- Currently in Use</i>	<i>Michigan Emergency Management</i>	Undeterminable / Value Added Service	<i>Implemented</i>	<i>No Barriers</i>

General Government						
ADD 2012: Economic Property Enhancement	Listings of Village Properties, local vacant commercial and industrial properties. The properties will be listed on each village website. A link will also be placed on the websites to link with Berrien County for a more complete view of the properties available in Berrien County Villages. All jurisdictions would benefit from economic development by adjacent jurisdictions in southwest Michigan, fostering collaboration, rather than competition.	December 2013	All Berrien County Villages will be invited to participate	Undeterminable / Value Added Service	<i>Each Village who wishes to participate is currently working on their listings.</i>	
UPDATE 2012 -Village Council Training Seminars	Hosting a Training Seminar & inviting all Village Council Members in the area to take part. The cost of the speaker is then divided amongst the participants. The cost is then brought down to something each community can afford and do not have to travel a long distance to attend and does away with hotel stays.	New Training Seminar will be taking place this coming year. The Seminar is yet to be determined.	All Berrien County Villages	Undeterminable / Value Added Service	<i>The information for which training would be best utilized by all is currently being researched-</i>	

General Government continued						
UPDATE 2012 Village Association	The Village Association is made up of all the Villages located in Berrien County. The meetings include topics such as Consolidation of Services where we can best help one another, meetings with our State & Local Reps and MML, and also joint training seminars. A common ground is shared between the participants. The Village Association has shown to be an incubator for new ideas which can be utilized by all participants.	Quarterly meetings will be held	All Berrien County Villages	Undeterminable / Value Added Service	Implemented	
MML Workers Compensation Fund	Many communities are members of the MML Workers Compensation Fund to save money through a pooled insurance system.	Currently in Use	Statewide	Varies by Community	Implemented	

General Government continued						
Berrien County Clerk's Assoc	<p>The Berrien County Clerk's Association holds quarterly meetings and yearly trainings to promote better informed clerks so they may better serve their constituents, and to increase the effectiveness of clerks in the cause of good government. The association promotes professionalism of the membership. The purpose of this association is to add to the knowledge of clerks and to aid in the improvement of administrative government in Berrien County. Note: the trainings and working knowledge between the clerk's saves immensley in the training budgets of the municipalities.</p>	Currently in Use	All of Berrien, Cass and Van Buren Counties	Undeterminable / Value Added Service	<i>Implemented</i>	
Berrien County Emergency Mngmnt-thru Berrien County Sheriffs Dept.	<p>The BC Emerg Mngmnt provides the many training to our village which include NIMS and Disaster just to mention a couple. If the village were to have to pick up the cost it would be significant. They provide a very valuable service</p>	Currently in Use	All of Berrien County	Undeterminable / Value Added Service	<i>Implemented</i>	

Village Parks						
<p>UPDATE Village Parks- one in Berrien Township and one in Pipestone Township</p>	<p>Currently the Village mows and maintains each park on their own. The Village Residents do not pay a fee to rent the pavillions. (one in each township). Anyone living outside of the village limits currently pays a \$50.00 non-refundable fee to rent the pavillion. The village will be discussing an opportunity for the Townships to have each township resident be able to have one free rental or reduced rate rental (pending the level of assistance for park maintenance) of the village park pavillion in their township.</p>	<p>September 2013</p>	<p>Berrien Township & Pipestone Township</p>	<p>To be determined pending the outcome of the meetings.</p>		
Snow Plowing						
<p>Snow Plowing</p>	<p>The Village Public works plows the Library parking lots which is a savings to the Library and Township Budgets</p>	<p>Currently in Use</p>	<p>Berrien Township, Pipestone Township and District Library</p>	<p>Average \$3,000.00</p>	<p><i>Implemented</i></p>	