

8. How should the Village handle intergovernmental cooperation with neighboring communities and county agencies?

Dennis Faber's Response

Again, in the Smart Growth Plan, Element Number 11: *Intergovernmental Cooperation* is something the Village must do to be compliant and something that certainly needs to improve.

Past squabbles with neighboring communities are currently being addressed by our new Administrator, Mr. Mike Kostiuk, whose background as a Police Chief and analytical person is one of the reasons I chose him to fill the Administrator position.

Steve Dunn's Response

I believe the best path to cutting costs is to share services with our neighboring communities and county agencies. This type of collaboration also opens the door to grant opportunities that could help offset costs. (It should be noted that grant money eventually runs out and cannot be counted on as a long-term solution to budget challenges.)

We need to embrace these opportunities rather than run from them. Interagency agreements can be negotiated to protect everyone's interests.

Adam Miller's Response

We should welcome these opportunities with open arms. Collaboration can reduce costs, improve services, and open doors to additional grant funding. Working together benefits everyone involved.

Kerry Verenski's Response

I believe strong relationships with neighboring communities and county agencies are essential.

By working collaboratively, sharing resources, and maintaining open communication, we can improve service delivery while being responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars.

James Woodke's Response

The Village of Salem Lakes should always attempt to have a good working relationship with its neighboring communities and the County government. The Village of Salem Lakes needs to make sure that it is taking care of its residents first.

Combining services to reduce costs should always be considered, while making sure that our residents are taken care of properly.

The Village of Salem Lakes is unique in the respect that we are made up of several different areas with unique needs - Camp Lake, Lake Shangri-La, Salem, Silver Lake, Trevor, and Wilmot - all under one governing body.