

Agreement of Municipal Cooperation Proposed Changes

1. Includes **roles of Commission officers**, especially that of the Treasurer and his/her role as chief financial officer including approval of warrants and budget (language taken from Administrative Policies and Procedures manual) – **Paragraph 2, pg 7 (clean)**
2. The current AMC states that, after reserving a reasonable amount for contingencies, surplus will be refunded to the municipalities. The proposed change changes this to placing any **fund balance surplus** into one or more funds – **Paragraph 7, pg 15 (clean)**
3. **Removal of restriction on municipalities obtaining water from other sources** – **Paragraph 8, p 30 (redlined)**
4. Stipulates **work and services performed by the Commission**, some covered by water sales revenue, some billed to municipality (language taken from municipalities' Negotiated Work Plans) – **Paragraph 9, pg 17 (clean)**
5. Specifically lists **Town of Ithaca as agent municipality for SCLIWC and municipalities**, owner of property (real estate, deeds, easements) – **Paragraph 12, pg 22 (clean)**
6. Updates info regarding **Village of Lansing and Lake Access Road** ownership and maintenance – **Paragraph 12, pg 23 (clean)**
7. Allows new districts (i.e. district extensions in Towns of Dryden and Lansing) without amending AMC (as before) and simplifies the process – **Paragraph 15, pg 24 (clean)**

Also under discussion is the possibility of eliminating Appendix B (in current AMC, this is Schedule D).

8. **Expands water sales to non-member municipalities.** It generalizes the agreement amendment that was implemented for Ulysses so that further amendments are not needed for future non-members. It also specifically prohibits a receiver of water from selling the water to a third party unless approved by the Commission – **Paragraph 16, pp 25, 27 (clean)**
9. Addition of **expansion of plant** section; provides a trigger point for implementing treatment capacity expansion – **Paragraph 17, pg 30 (clean)**
10. **Settlement of Disputes** is by judgment of the Supreme Court of State of NY in Tompkins County – **changes arbitration to optional** – **Paragraph 22, pg 32 (clean)**
11. **Eliminates connection charges** in districts formed after the inception of Bolton Point and eliminates Schedule B (Definition of Units for Purposes of Connection Charges) – **pg 51, 81 (redlined)**

12. **Majority vote vs. unanimous vote** – The current AMC requires a unanimous vote for changing the agent municipality, water rate and structure changes, AMC modification, and adding a non-member municipality. The proposed AMC requires a unanimous vote for changing the agent municipality, water rate and structure changes, AMC modification (possibly with the exception of appendices – these could be changed with simple majority), and decision for arbitration. – **pp 8, 15, 16, 24 (current AMC); pp 12, 28, 32, 33 (clean)**
13. Includes **dissolution** of Commission. Provides for allocation of Commission’s assets among members – **Paragraph 23, pg 33 (clean)**
14. Addition of list of **BPWS assets, Glossary, References** – **pp 38, 40, 41 (clean)**
15. **Removal of water rate schedule** – **pg76 (redlined)**
16. **Language update and clarification: water “rents”, removal of historical language (section on financing of initial construction – Projects 1 & 2), full inclusion of Village of Lansing as owner, updated water districts, rearranged sections to a more logical order**