

VILLAGE OF CANDOR DISSOLUTION COMMITTEE MEETING MARCH 22, 2010

CANDOR TOWN HALL 7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gwen Isham at 7 PM. attending members: Frank Musgrave, Jerry Ahart, Butch Crowe, Fred Quinlan, Bob Houck and Teresa Twarz Ad Hoc members Mayor Steve Sparling and Town Supervisor Darlene Cobler were present. Also attending: Village/Town Attorney Kurt Schrader.

Public Comment: Florence Alpert did sign in but chose not to speak.

Town Representative: Skip Jackson had been approached to serve as a Town resident which was needed after Teresa Twarz moved into the Village. It was noted that Skip will be very busy during the next several months. Butch Crowe said Skip would be able to attend the meetings. Gwen mentioned that Bern Smith said he would serve if needed. Steve Sparling will have a further discussion with Skip.

Acceptance of Minutes of March 8 meeting: Darlene mentioned a correction was needed as those minutes referred to the committee accepting the minutes of the meeting of February 8. That should have read February 1. This correction is so noted. A motion was made by Teresa and 2nd. by Butch to accept the minutes of the March 8 meeting. The motion was carried.

Presentation by Bill Klish: Bill served as the chairman of the Village of Johnson City Dissolution committee. Bill had hand outs for each committee member covering various aspects of their study which covered 22 months. This proposal which came to a vote in November, 2009 was defeated by 42 votes. Their study showed there would have been a savings to the Village of over one million dollars and that Town of Union taxes would decrease by 16%.

Suggestions Bill had: The committee members should remain neutral during the study process and not give advice as to how people should vote; go forward with work even before the consultant comes on board; interviews with department heads is very important; allow people to speak and ask questions; obtain 2010 budgets from both the Village and Town.

Bill did comment about CGR, the consultant they used. Their committee sent out six bids. Only two came back. Of the two, CGR was the only company that had been involved in other dissolution studies. Their committee had a very positive relationship with CGR and feels they will be very helpful to our committee.

Committee Members comments: Steve asked Bill his opinion as to why the proposal was defeated. Bill said many people had enough doubt about continued police service and that their identity as Village residents was in jeopardy.

Bob Houck mentioned that some years back the Village decided to disband the Police department to save money. Shortly after that people came to board meetings to request police

service be reinstated into the budget. He also said that some people feel that if the Village government is dissolved they will lose their identity as village residents.

Teresa Twarz said she was impressed with the material we have received so far and felt the flow charts and sub committee assignments were worthy of our consideration.

Frank Musgrave said he hopes the committee is not moving too quickly in the dissolution process and that we keep open minds until all the information we need to make a decision has been gathered.

Darlene Cobler said she would have the Town 2010 budget at the next meeting and Steve said he would have a tentative Village budget available also.

The committee expressed their appreciation to Bill Klish for taking the time to come and speak with us, for all the information he has furnished and his offer to help in the future if needed.

Fred Quinlan made a motion, 2nd. by Butch Crowe to adjourn. The motion was carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

Fred mentioned that he will not be available at the next meeting and Teresa Twarz volunteered to take the minutes.