

Village of Candor Dissolution Study Committee
Meeting - September 13, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gwen Isham at 7:06 PM. attending members: Jerry Ahart, Fred Quinlan, Steve Truesdail, Teresa Twarz, Bob Houck and Frank Musgrave. (Butch Crowe came to the meeting at 8:25). Ad Hoc members Mayor Steve Sparling and Town Supervisor Darlene Cobler were present, CGR Reps. Charlie Zettek and Jamie Saunders, Village/Town Attorney Kurt Schrader, community members Wayne Cobler and Val Kelly. Media rep. Jesse Disbrow.

Public Comment: There was none.

Acceptance of Minutes of August 23: Motion by Steve Truesdail, and 2nd. by Teresa Twarz to accept the minutes. The motion was carried.

Process for reaching consensus on options: Gwen Isham suggested that as we review the various items of service that we go around the table to see if there is a consensus without having to vote on each item. Should we not be able to agree we would take a vote and a simple majority will rule. Attorney Schrader agreed with this process.

Service Discussion: Charlie Zettek explained how we should view the Service form and use it as a format for our deliberations. The committee delved into the worksheet going line by line. Town Supervisor Darlene Cobler was able to give input as to what impact the dissolution process would have on the Town operation. Under **Mayor and Trustees** section the town would be able to handle this without any additional money; **Clerk Treasurer** – the impact would be minimal. Picking up these duties might mean extra time for the Deputy Town Clerk. **DPW/Highways** – the Town would be able to assume these duties. (The committee discussed the possibility of Shared Services if the Dissolution does not go through and all felt that should be explored after the voting process is complete.) Two items the committee felt would be eliminated under this section would be Brush pick up and Annual “junk day.”

Water – All agreed that a water district would need to be created. Again, the clerical duties associated with this department could be picked up by the Deputy Town Clerk and the Water district billed for these expenses.

Police – A lengthy discussion was held with various options put on the table: eliminate the function, create a police district within the town, possibly go to a full time position. After much going back and forth Frank Musgrave made a motion that a Police district be created if the Village dissolves. 2nd by Teresa Twarz. Discussion followed. Gwen felt more information was needed on what other police services are available. She also suggested possibly tabling the motion. Charlie Zettek did mention the cost for those within the Police district, based on the current expense of the Police function, would be \$14.11 per thousand of assessed valuation.

Gwen then called for a vote on this motion. Voting in favor were Frank Musgrave, Teresa Twarz, Jerry Ahart, Bob Houck, Gwen Isham and Butch Crowe. Voting against the motion were Fred Quinlan and Steve Truesdail. Motion carried.

Fire – it was suggested that the Fire Department pick up this \$200 item.

School Safety – Town would pick up. Maybe have school contribute to this cost?

Library – Town would pick up these costs. Butch mentioned that with the number of Town residents it might mean a certified librarian would have to be hired. The committee members agreed that if this turned out to be the case the Town would then distribute the added cost to all Town taxpayers.

Justice – Darlene felt \$6,000 could be cut from these costs. Members also discussed the possibility that the Town may need to create a second Justice position.

Code enforcement – Town would provide this service with a saving of approximately \$3,500.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 20 at which time we will begin to explore the fiscal impact of dissolution.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

Fred Quinlan, Secretary