

Village of Candor Dissolution Study Committee
Meeting - October 18, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gwen Isham at 7:00 PM. attending members: Jerry Ahart, Fred Quinlan, Steve Truesdail, Teresa Twarz, and Butch Crowe. Ad Hoc members Mayor Steve Sparling and Town Supervisor Darlene Cobler, CGR Reps. Charlie Zettek and Jaime Saunders, Village/Town Attorney Kurt Schrader, Village Trustees Chris Brown, Gary Consalvi, Nancy King and Mike Swartz, Town Council members Milt Dougherty, George Williams, Dan Lindsay, Town Clerk Connie Kulze; 20+ Village/Town residents, and Media reps. From Candor Statement, Candor Chronicle, Broader View and WBNG TV.

Gwen introduced the committee members and then turned the meeting over to Charlie Zettek to review the 21 page "Options" report. Charlie did point out that this report does not include the water department because a water district will be established in the event of dissolution. His presentation ended at 7:40 and Gwen asked for questions from Village and Town Board Members.

Gary Consalvi asked if the AIM (Aid and Incentive to Municipalities) funding would be a one time shot. Charlie said no that it would be a yearly funding to the Town. He said the funding is based on the combined budgets. He also pointed out that one Town is already receiving funding and four other that have dissolved this year will be making application for those funds.

Darlene Cobler asked that an explanation be given as to how the Town fulfills its obligation upon dissolution. Charlie said this is covered under Article 19 and that all village laws/agreements in effect would be carried over to the town for two years but the town could discontinue specific laws and use the ones the town already has in effect,

Gary Consalvi – will town need additional employees. Gwen answered that the committee dealt with this during prior discussions – there would be no additional costs in town board salaries but hours of a deputy town clerk would have to be increased to pick up additional clerical duties. Table 3 in the What exists report explains this.

A question was raised about the proposed water district. Attorney Schrader explained that the current water users would cover any expenses in the new water district. Someone asked about privatization and Kurt said that is always possible. Jerry Ahart pointed out that Town funds cannot be used to support a water district, as a village can do, and that all expenses are paid by water district users.

There was a lengthy discussion as to why the town would have to pay the water usage fees of \$10,148 now paid by the village. This is for the cemetery, library and school and is covered in agreements with those entities. A comment was made about the school receiving "free water" and Steve Sparling corrected that information. For 17 years the school allowed the village to use water from its well and school electricity. When the village did

not need that anymore an agreement was entered into with the school to have water without any cost for the same period of time, said agreement ending in 2017.

Bill Leonard asked if the town could cut \$35,000 so there would be no tax increase. Dan Lindsay said there have been budget meetings and to cut that amount is not possible. Dan also made the comment that while the town has to pick up added expenses the village residents are the only ones that can vote on the issue. Butch Crowe commented that the committee has worked in trying to put all facts together and come up with the best plan possible.

Florence Alpert commented on the AIM money and Charlie Zettek's statement about those funds being reduced and she said the reduction was only in the NYC area.

Larry Meddaugh – can the town put together a resolution so town residents could vote on the dissolution. The answer is no – only the village residents vote.

Art Cacciola asked how the state recouped the AIM funds? Charlie said these payments reduce town taxes and are an economic incentive.

Joan Meddaugh - can there be a stipulation to the dissolution process so it could “be tried” for a period of time and if it didn't work go back? No that is not possible.

George Williams commented about there no longer being a police department. He feels the Chief knows everyone and can't see the village giving that up. Teresa Twarz replied that the committee had wanted to suggest a police district but that was not a possibility.

Linda O'Connor – village resident stated that she moved back to the village two years ago and the only time she sees the police car is when it is parked at the cemetery. What else does the Chief do? Several commented that he does patrol the rest of the village and spends time posted by the school. Marvin Robert offered the comment that the Chief is there for the community.

There were no further comments or questions and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Fred Quinlan, Secretary