

**Village of Candor Dissolution Study Committee**  
**Meeting - September 20, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gwen Isham at 7:05 PM. attending members: Jerry Ahart, Fred Quinlan, Steve Truesdail, Teresa Twarz, Frank Musgrave, and Butch Crowe. Bob Houck did not attend. 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, Florence Alpert, Corey Whatley and Village DPW Supt. Marvin Roberts.

Public Comment: Florence Alpert addressed the group and provided a handout. Her concern was the committee's handling of the Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM). The committee had decided to not consider any payments that may be made to the Town should the Dissolution be approved as it was felt there was no assurance of that money being available. Florence feels that money will be available, that the State has it in the budget for this year and that the committee should consider, in their deliberations and evaluation of savings, some portion of the \$200,000+ amount that has been suggested the Town would receive yearly.

Acceptance of Minutes of August 13: Motion by Butch Crowe and 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Jerry Ahart to accept the minutes. The motion was carried.

Continued Options and Impact discussion – CGR template: Charlie and Jaime presented information on how new tax rates would be calculated. In addition to a handout Charlie worked up a chart show current and new tax rates. Information from the chart shows the current Village rate is \$131.92 and the new rate would be \$100.96. The current Town rate is \$73.05 and the new rate would be \$86.96. This results in a 23% reduction for Village residents and an 18.9 increase for Town residents. These calculations were arrived at without and New AIM. Charlie explained that the proposal to the voters must show calculation with and without New AIM.

With New AIM those figures would be as follows: Village Current \$131.92, new rate \$89.13; Town \$73.05, new rate \$75.02 resulting in a 32% reduction for the Village and a 3% increase for the Town residents.

Butch Crowe opined that any Village resident that saw those figures, and the savings they represent, would surely vote in favor of Dissolution. All other committee members had various comments about the current and new rates.

POLICE DISTRICT: At the last meeting the committee voted to recommend the Town make an application to the State to form a district. Since then it has come to our attention that it is very doubtful the State would approve such an application. Darlene Cobler said the last time this issue came before the Town Board – to have a Town wide police force – the Board voted against it. The committee once again discussed several options.

Butch Crowe then made a motion to change our plans on this issue and to show no police district would be created in the event of dissolution. Steve Truesdail 2<sup>nd</sup>. that motion. All committee members present voted in favor of that motion, it was carried.

The committee then reviewed another handout concerning the decisions at the September 13 meeting regarding fiscal changes. This showed a net reduction in expenses of \$63,755. However, the computations did show an amount of \$27,865 for the formation of a police district. Since that is not a viable option the net reduction will be recalculated.

The committee reviewed another handout regarding what the Village can and cannot do about assets upon Dissolution. This was generated based on opinions expressed by Wade Beltramo the Attorney for the Council for Conference of Mayors and in response to questions posed by Mayor Steve Sparling and Village Attorney Kurt Schrader

Lastly the committee reviewed a handout regarding disposition of Village property in the event of Dissolution. The committee reviewed 12 specific items and made the following recommendations:

Sell or transfer to the Town - Vacant lot by lower bridge, Old reservoir property, Old RR property on Smith St., Old RR property on Stowell Ave. and an old well site on Delray ave.

Transfer to the Town - Village Hall and Library, Athletic field, Spencer Road, Hull and Moyer Parks. Steve Truesdail suggested contacting the school to see if they would be interested in acquiring Moyer Park if that could legally be done. He made a motion to that effect, 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Butch Crowe. Voting in favor, Steve and Butch. Voting against Fred Quinlan, Jerry Ahart, Teresa Twarz, Frank Musgrave and Gwen Isham.

There was a discussion about the Coal Barn. Some thought it was beyond help and should be sold. Others felt it provided a service to the community by housing the very active Bread of Life food pantry. It would be difficult to find another location in the Town or the village for this non-profit group. The Village does pay the utilities there. Fred Quinlan made a motion, 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Frank Musgrave that this property be transferred to the Town. Voting in favor, Fred, Frank, Jerry Ahart, Teresa Twarz, Steve Truesdail and Butch Crowe. Gwen Isham abstained. Motion carried.

Transfer to the Water District – Water Well on Logan Hill and the DPW garage. There was much discussion as to what to do with the garage. Marvin Roberts indicated some of the space in that garage is already utilized by the water department for equipment.

The last item discussed was street lights. The Town currently has three. The Village has quite a few but the exact number is not known. Cost to the Village is \$13,000 a year. Jerry Ahart felt that many Town residents benefit from the lights as they travel thru the Village, attend events at school and so forth. Fred Quinlan agreed with this position. Steve Truesdail and Butch Crowe felt a lighting district should be established and only those residents in the Village carrying the cost. Butch made a motion to that effect, Steve 2<sup>nd</sup>. Voting in favor – Butch and Steve. Voting against Fred Quinlan, Jerry Ahart, Gwen Isham and Frank Musgrave. Teresa Twarz abstained. Motion was defeated. The cost of street lighting will be spread across the Town.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 27 at which time we will continue these discussions regarding the fiscal impact of dissolution.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08.

Fred Quinlan, Secretary