

VILLAGE OF DANSVILLE
DISSOLUTION /CO-TERMINUS STUDY
MEETING MINUTES
3-31-2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Barry Haywood, Nancy Conklin, Rachel Scura, Don Saylor Dennis Mahus, Jim Wissler, Tim Wolfanger, Sandy Briggs, Bob Smith, John Putney, Rick Schwenzer, Keith Petti, Bill Dixon, Donna Clark. ABSENT: Andy Kershner.

ALSO PRESENT: Scott Sittig, Charlie Zettek, Terry Van, D J Smith, Jay Griffith, Jim Snyder, Pat Kreiley, Charlie Perkins, Alice Burdick.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Barry Haywood at 5:30 p.m. Chairman Haywood explained that the minutes of the 2-24-10 meeting had been revised to state that the supermajority would be 3/4 of the committee. Motion by Bill Dixon seconded by Nancy Conklin to approve the minutes of the 2-24-10 meeting. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Chairman Haywood asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. Motion by Nancy Conklin seconded by Bob Smith to approve the agenda as written. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

There was a discussion regarding voting members. Chairman Haywood stated that having the attorneys, Town and Village Clerks and the Village Administrator as voting members could be a conflict of interest. He stated that these five members should be able to advise and speak at the meetings, but not vote on any decisions. All five members involved stated that they have no problem with not voting. Dennis Mahus made a motion to remove the two attorneys, two clerks, and the Administrator as voting members of the committee. Don Saylor seconded. Chairman Haywood added that these members would still have the privilege of the floor. All in favor. Motion carried.

Scott Sittig was asked to explain what will happen if the Town residents vote one way and the Village residents vote the opposite way. He explained that State laws are vague regarding the consolidation issue. In the case of the coterminous government, the Town Board and the Village Board would both need to decide that it is in the best interest of both entities to take to a vote. Town residents would vote in a Town election, Village residents would vote in the Village election. If the outcome of both votes is that the residents want coterminous government then it will pass. If either the Town or Village vote no on the proposal it will not pass. Mr. Sittig stated that there is not a lot of "past practice"

history to look at as there are only currently 5 coterminous governments in the State.

The survey form was reviewed. Don Saylor stated that question 5a should not read merging services as it may be confusing to people who do not know what the services are. That question will be changed to remove the word services. Other changes were discussed. Mr. Sittig stated that he will change the survey and e-mail it to members to review so that it can be sent out. Mr. Petti explained that the water bills are due to go out, so if the surveys are to be added, the revised survey needs to be approved ASAP. A cover letter signed by the Mayor and Supervisor was discussed. The cover letter will explain the process and what the survey is for. Mr. Sittig also stated that the web site is up and these items will be placed on the website. Mr. Sittig explained that the reason for the survey is that it is part of the process to get the public interested.

It was decided that the date and time of the public hearing would be Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Sittig explained that the purpose of the public hearing is to provide information, get people involved and generate awareness and understanding, and listen to comments and questions.

A preliminary draft of the "what exists" report was handed out to members and reviewed. Mr. Sittig and Mr. Zettek explained that more interviews need to be conducted to collect the needed information and to verify that what information has been provided is correct. When discussing some of the information in the draft report, Don Saylor stated that he would like to see a comparison to other Towns and/or Villages in our area. Mr. Zettek explained that it is hard to get an "apples to apples" comparison because there are many variables that differ from one Village to the next. He stated that if the committee would like to see this information in the report, CGR will provide it, but only if they are told specific Towns/ Villages to report on. Don Saylor suggested that CGR compare Dansville to Nunda and Wayland. Scott Sittig said he will do his best to see what information is available. Don Saylor also asked about the statistic regarding police calls being down while court cases are up. He wondered if these stats were verified. Scott Sittig answered that they have been verified. Dennis Mahus added that if the police calls are down, the police have more time to do road patrol and to write traffic tickets which would increase the court cases. Mr. Sittig stated that as new information is gathered, the report will be refined and updated.

Scott Sittig gave an update on the website. The website is now up and running and information will be added as it is received. He asked if the committee wanted meeting minutes and the names of the committee members on the website. All agreed that these items should be on the website. Also included

will be the letter from the mayor and Supervisor , a timetable and notices. The committee stated that Mr. Sittig could use his judgment regarding what should be posted on the website.

The timetable for the project was reviewed. Committee meetings will be held on the last Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is April 28th, with the public hearing scheduled for April 20th at 7:00 p.m.

With no further business to discuss, Bill Dixon made a motion seconded by Dennis Mahus to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Donna A. Clark