

VILLAGE OF DANSVILLE/TOWN OF N. DANSVILLE
CONSOLIDATION STUDY COMMITTEE
8/25/10

PRESENT: Chairman Barry Haywood, Rachel Scura, John Putney, Bob Smith, Sandra Briggs, Nancy Conklin, Rick Schwenger, Andy Kershner, Keith Petti, Dennis Mahus, Jim Wissler, Donna Clark, Scott Sittig.

ABSENT: Don Saylor, Bill Dixon, Tim Wolfanger.

ALSO PRESENT: Pat Kreiley, Courtney Veaut.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Haywood at 5:30 p.m.

With no changes or additions to the agenda, a motion was made by Nancy Conklin and Jim Wissler to approve the agenda. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved via e-mail so they could be published on the website. Jim Wissler made a motion seconded by Nancy Conklin to accept the minutes. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

The date to set to a public hearing was discussed. A motion was made by Andy Kershner and seconded by Sandy Briggs to hold the public hearing on Sept. 22, 2010 at 6:30 pm. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

The proposal of Sheriff York to have the Sheriff's Dept. patrol Dansville and eliminate the DPD was discussed. Bob Smith stated that he does not feel it is up to this committee to make such a decision. Chairman Haywood explained that this proposal could be part of the proposal sent by the committee to the Town Board and the Village Board. Each of the Boards could decide to accept or reject this part of the proposal. Rick Schwenger stated that he did not think there was enough information. He inquired if the current DPD officers would be able to work for the Sheriff. Dennis Mahus stated that they would be able to apply for the positions. Chairman Haywood asked if the committee would like to formally accept the proposal of the Sheriff and have it posted in the website. Dennis Mahus made a motion seconded by Rick Schwenger to accept the proposal and have it published allowing

CGR to summarize the information if necessary. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

The final draft of the Options and Impacts report was reviewed. There were some changes made to the original draft which Mr. Sittig outlined. The committee will take a week to review it and Chairman Haywood will send out a reminder for members to vote via e-mail on whether or not to post the final draft on the website. As the options were reviewed and discussed it was decided that Option 4 or 5, or a combination of the two, were best for Dansville. City status was discussed as it pertained to cost, a charter being created, how tax rates would be affected, and whether or not the Legislature would approve. Dennis Mahus stated that the committee needs to come out of this with a plan to present, because if the group chooses status quo there will surely be a petition by the taxpayers to make a change. Andy Kershner reminded the committee that they are charged only with presenting a plan that is best for Dansville and that the group is comfortable with. The Boards and the voters will have the final say. Jim Wissler stated that he would like to see on paper the pros and cons of Options 4 and 5.

Chairman Haywood recognized that the committee is not ready to present a proposal to the public, and suggested that the public hearing be put off until after the September 29, 2010 meeting. Nancy Conklin made a motion seconded by Bob Smith to rescind the motion to schedule a public hearing on Sept. 22, 2010 and schedule the public hearing for October 20, 2010 at 6:30. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held on September 29th at 5:30 to discuss the pros and cons of Options 4 and 5 from the final draft report.

With no further business, a motion was made by Dennis Mahus and seconded by Jim Wissler to adjourn the meeting. No further discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Donna Clark