

*Village Dissolution/Coterminous
Town-Village Study*
Village of Dansville, NY

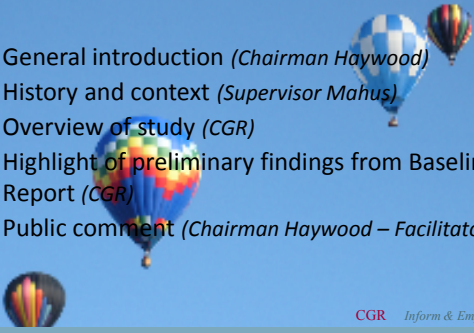


April 20, 2010
Dansville Study Committee
and
Center for Governmental Research

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Tonight's Agenda

- General introduction (*Chairman Haywood*)
- History and context (*Supervisor Mahus*)
- Overview of study (*CGR*)
- Highlight of preliminary findings from Baseline Report (*CGR*)
- Public comment (*Chairman Haywood – Facilitator*)



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Study Committee Members

<u>Village Representatives</u>	<u>Town Representatives</u>
Mayor William Dixon	Supervisor Dennis Mahus
Trustee Andy Kershner	Councilman Richard Schwenzer
Trustee Donald Sylor	Councilwoman Nancy Conklin
Citizen Barry Haywood (Chairman)	Citizen Bob Smith
Citizen James Wissler	Citizen Sandy Briggs
<u>Village Advisors</u>	<u>Town Advisors</u>
Administrator Keith Petti	Clerk Tim Wolfanger
Clerk Donna Clark	Attorney John Putney
Attorney Rachel Scura	




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Brief History and Context

- Why were we interested in consolidation options for the Town and Village?
- How did we get to a formal study?
- Role of New York State
 - Local Government Efficiency (LGE) Grants
- Goal of Study

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- Founded in 1915 by George Eastman (Founder of Kodak)
- Founded to bring accountability to local government and empower fact based, objective decisions
- Conducted over 25 shared service/consolidation/dissolution studies in the last 3 years
- Team Lead by Charles Zettek, Jr. – Vice President and Director of Government Management Services
- Project Manager – Scott Sittig, Senior Research Associate

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Overview of Study

- Focus of LGE Grant
 - Consolidation options
 - Starting point was co-terminous Town/Village
 - All feasible options will be analyzed
- Begin with baseline analysis – Baseline Report
- Conduct/Analyze Survey
- Discuss/Analyze Options
- Develop Options Report
- Present findings to community
- Submit reports to both boards for consideration

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Timeline for Study

- Currently collecting data and developing the Baseline Report – March, April, May
- Completed Baseline Report – End of May
- Joint Village/Town Board Meeting – Early August
- Final draft Options Report – End of August
- Public hearing on Options Report – End of September
- Monthly meetings posted online at www.cgr.org/dansville
 - Last Wednesday of every month (except June)

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Frequently Asked Questions

- What is co-terminous status?
- Who votes?
- How does dissolution work?
- Who votes?
- Can we be a city?
- What's the process?
- What will happen to our services?
- What will my taxes be?
- Will we save any money?

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Population

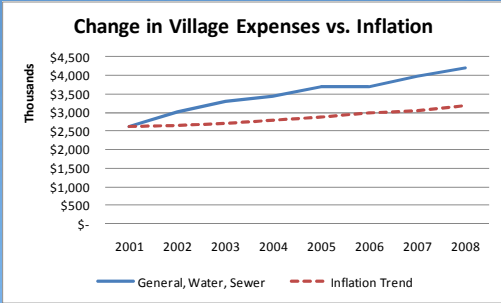
Population for the entire community has been in decline since 1970

Population Trends

Year	Town of North Dansville	Village of Dansville
1950	5,500	5,200
1960	6,000	5,400
1970	6,500	5,500
1980	6,000	5,000
1990	5,800	4,800
2000	5,600	4,600
2008	5,500	4,500

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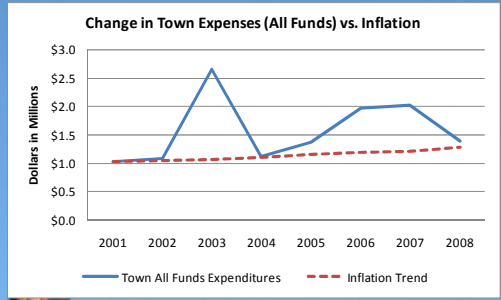
Trend in Village Expenses



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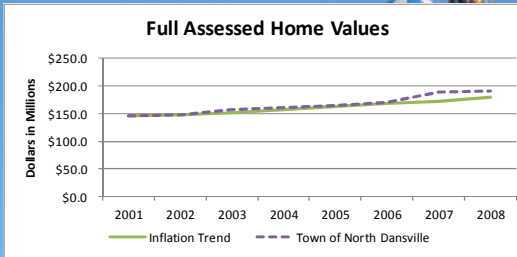
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Trend in Assessed Valuation



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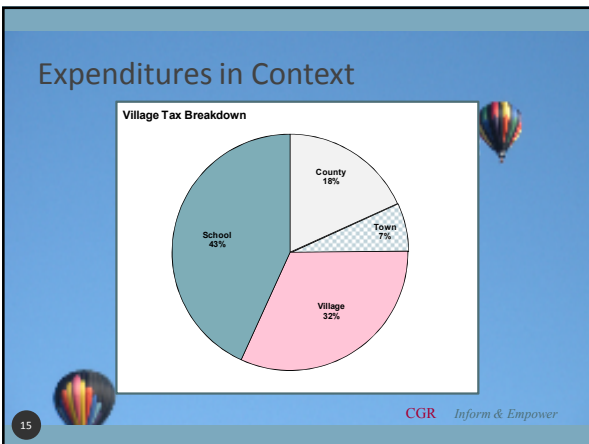
Overview of Expenditures

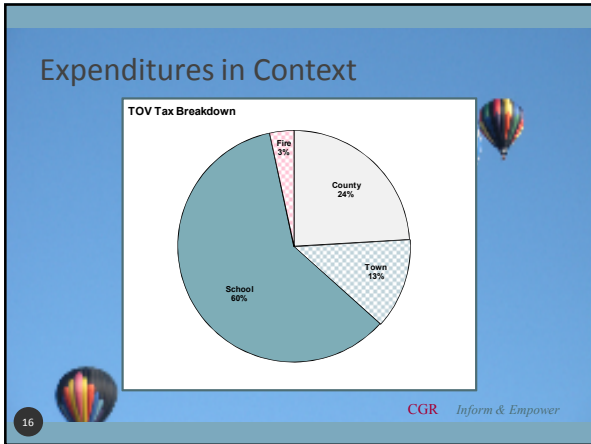
Budgeted Expenditures
Source: 2009-10 Village budget and 2010 Town budget
(Dollars in millions)

	Village	Town	Total
General	\$2.545	\$0.633	\$3.178
General TOV	-	\$0.008	\$0.008
Highway	-	\$0.132	\$0.132
Highway TOV	-	\$0.101	\$0.101
Water	\$1.056	\$0.110	\$1.166
Sewer	\$0.558	-	\$0.558
Fire	-	\$0.044	\$0.044
Total	\$4.159	\$1.028	\$5.187

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- ### Fast Facts
- 80% of all expenditures in the community are Village expenditures
 - 81% of all expenditures are "common" between the Village and Town (share same account codes)
 - 77% of common expenditures are Village expenditures
 - 1 penny of tax rate in the Village yields \$1,500
 - 1 penny of tax rate for the whole town (including the village) yields \$1,900 (30% more)
 - There is \$9.0 million of combined debt in the community (74% Village/26% Town)
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Public Comment

- Stay tuned to website: www.cgr.org/dansville
- Submit a survey if you haven't already
- Share your comments

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