

VILLAGE OF DANSVILLE/TOWN OF N. DANSVILLE
CONSOLIDATION STUDY COMMITTEE
6-23-10

Present: Barry Haywood, Nancy Conklin, Rachel Scura, Bill Dixon, Sandy Briggs, Dennis Mahus, Rick Schwenzer, Keith Petti, John Putney, Jim Wissler, Scott Sittig, Charlie Zettek and Donna Clark.

Also present: Jim MacWhorter, Alice Burdick, Barb Stickney and Susan DeMuth.

Asked to be excused: Don Sylor, Tim Wolfanger and Bob Smith

Absent: Andy Kershner

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Chairman Barry Haywood. Chairman Haywood added one item to the agenda, to select a date when the Town Board, Village Board and Consolidation committee members could all get together. With this addition a motion to accept the agenda was made by Bill Dixon and seconded by Jim Wissler. No further discussion. All in favor. No one opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jim Wissler and seconded by Dennis Mahus to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2010 meeting as written. No further discussion. All in favor. No one opposed. Motion carried.

Mr. Sittig handed out forms with the remainder of the public comments. He explained that each question showed a wordle. A wordle is a display of the common words used. The largest words are the ones most commonly used in answering of the survey questions.

Mr. Sittig asked for feedback from the packets handed out at the May meeting. Rick Schwenzer stated that the comments were "all over the place." Scott Sittig added that it was hard to summarize with the comments being so general. He explained that there were 350 responses to the surveys. When asked if there was anything else that the group would like to have done with the surveys, Jim Wissler stated that the word "taxes" is in every wordle. He asked if information will be available about taxes and whether there will be increases or decreases and who it will affect. Chairman Haywood stated that he expects that will be part of the process. The group discussed lowering taxes vs.

keeping services. Also discussed was how to generate more revenue by way of new business to offset the taxes.

Mr. Sittig handed out an updated options report. One item added was the AIM incentive. Mr. Sittig explained that he got a comment from the Division of Budgets that the State does not recognize co-terminus government for AIM incentives. Also added was the Police Dept and options for the Police Dept. Working with the Sheriff's Dept. was discussed as well as efficiency vs. cost savings. If the Police Dept is eliminated and the Village has to rely on the Sheriff's Dept., there is no guarantee that there will be a car in the Village at all times. Rick Schwenzer asked if the rumor was true that Brockport voted no for the dissolution of the Village because the residents did not want to lose the Police Dept. Scott Sittig explained that although Police was a "hot button" the substantial reason was that there was lack of a plan. Chairman Haywood asked if the Town would be able to keep the Police Dept in place if the Village is dissolved. He was told that the State Legislature would have to approve this action. Also discussed was the Fire Dept.

Charlie Zettek reviewed the Strategic Consideration power point. He stated that a lot of functional services are already consolidated between the Village and Town. He reviewed some possible scenarios and how they would affect employees, unions, salaries, services, administration and efficiency. Also discussed were the pros and cons of "city" status especially as it relates to increasing sales tax revenue.

The next step is for the committee to discuss options at its July 28, 2010 meeting and present the options at the joint meeting with the Town Board and Village Board on August 12, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. The report from CGR gives a framework for the options but it is up to the committee to decide which if any of the possible scenarios is right for the Town and Village and the future of these and surrounding areas.

With no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Bill Dixon seconded by Nancy Conklin to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. No further discussion. All in favor. No one opposed. Motion carried.

Donna A. Clark