

VILLAGE OF DANSVILLE  
DISSOLUTION/CO-TERMINUS STUDY  
MEETING MINUTES  
1-20-10

Present: Mayor Dixon, Supervisor Mahus, Nancy Conklin, Rick Schwenzer, Don Sylor, Andy Kershner, Sandy Briggs, Bob Smith, Jim Wissler, Tim Wolfanger, Keith Petti, John Putney, Donna Clark. Absent: Barry Haywood and Rachel Scura-Licklitter.

Also present: Jay Griffith, D.J. Smith, Jim Snyder, Greg Horr.

Mayor Dixon called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and introduced Charles Zettek and Scott Sittig from CGR.

Mr. Zettek stated that CGR has done a large number of these types of projects in other Towns and Villages but that all are different. He hopes that the experience that his company has will be useful to this project. He reviewed the agenda with the group and discussed the timeline for the project. He explained that citizen participation is key in making a final decision. There will be a survey that is developed and sent out to the community using media, press releases, Village website and a website to be set up by CGR. CGR's website will provide citizens with updates after they have been seen by the committee.

There will be two public meetings and several committee meetings over an 8-9 month period. Because of the size of the committee, Mr. Zettek suggested that a sub committee be formed of 4 members. This executive committee will be the contact people for CGR and Mr. Zettek. The four members will be Nancy Conklin, Dennis Mahus, Andy Kershner and Jim Wissler.

Don Sylor asked about co-terminus government. Mr. Zettek stated that the rules regarding consolidation have changed. Once the data is collected from department heads and the community voices their opinion through the survey and public meeting, it will be up to the committee to decide what should be done for the betterment of the Town and the Village. It is possible that they could decide to leave things as they are, but there will other possible changes that could be made. Until all of the data is compiled it is impossible to know what would work in this situation.

There was concern over the possibility of losing our voice at the County level, as the Town Supervisor is currently that voice at the County. Mr. Zettek stated that there will still be a voice on the County level and depending on the final outcome it could be the Supervisor or someone else. Small City status was also discussed.

Jim Wissler asked what are some of the roadblocks that could get in the way of meeting the deadline? Mr. Zettek stated these studies work well by pushing forward with the timeline. He stated that it is important not to get off track and he requested that the committee members not meet amongst themselves or try to answer questions from the public in a one on one scenario. It is best if information is learn and questions answered at the public meetings. CGR will talk to the press but only regarding issues that have been approved by the committee. CGR will not release any information that the committee has not seen.

Bob Smith asked what the role of the committee members is. The committee members need to decide on one option to present to the community. The members will need to get a sense of what the people want, provide leadership and sign off on the final report. The committee will be involved in the survey process.

The next meeting for the entire committee was scheduled for the 4th month of the process. Bob Smith stated that he is not comfortable with this and would like to meet sooner. CGR agreed and the next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, February 24, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting ended at 6:35 p.m.

Donna A. Clark  
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