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Descriptive Summary of the Village of Malone Dissolution Plan

Prepared for the Village Board of Malone



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Dissolution Plan Developed by Study Committee

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Town of Malone

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What is in the Dissolution Plan?

- ▶ The Plan addresses 14 specific points (**per NY General Municipal Law 17-A**)
- ▶ Key components:
 - ▶ What will happen to Village employees, property, assets, debts and fund balances
 - ▶ What will happen to current Village services
 - ▶ What will happen to current Village laws, codes and ordinances and how will they be enforced
 - ▶ The Plan makes financial projections for Village and Town Outside of Village taxpayers, and **projects** tax rates vs. **current** tax rates
 - ▶ If Village dissolves, effective date: Dec.31, 2014



▶ **New Town Boundary = Entire Area Within Black Line**

▶ **Village of Malone**

- 3.2 square miles
- In 2010, population was 5,911

▶ **Town of Malone**

- 102.8 square miles
- In 2010, TOV population was 4092

Malone Plan: Village Employees

- ▶ Mayor & Board positions eliminated
- ▶ Village administration positions transfer to the Town
- ▶ Town and Village offices will be maintained. Combining both offices in one building could occur following the initial transition.

Malone Plan: Police

- ▶ The Committee recommends the creation of a police district that would provide service in a portion of the Town and be supported only by properties located within the district.
- ▶ This will require the Town to make a home rule request for special legislation.
- ▶ Village police officers could become Town police officers in the new district.
- ▶ If the State does not approve the creation of a police district, the Town, with input from the public, could choose to offer police Townwide or it could continue to rely on State police.
- ▶ **UPDATE: Following submission of the Plan to the Village Board, the Board held a public hearing on August 21, 2012 at the Village Hall at 16 Elm St. Further to the input from the public hearing, the Board makes one amendment to the Dissolution Plan as follows:**
 - ▶ ***Police Services:* Police protection services will be provided town wide through a newly created Town Police Department. Costs will be allocated town wide.**

Malone Plan: Dept. of Public Works

- ▶ The Committee recommends no changes to the staffing level of the DPW.
- ▶ Village positions would transfer to the Town.
- ▶ Both garage sites will be maintained at the outset. Possible site changes could occur following the transition.

Malone Plan: Code Enforcement

- ▶ Committee recommends that code enforcement staff transfer to the Town.

Malone Plan: Water & Sewer

- ▶ The Committee recommends the creation of water and sewer districts.
- ▶ Districts will include all water and sewer users.
- ▶ These districts will remain self-supporting by services as at present.
- ▶ Existing water debt will continue to be paid by water users in the newly created water district.

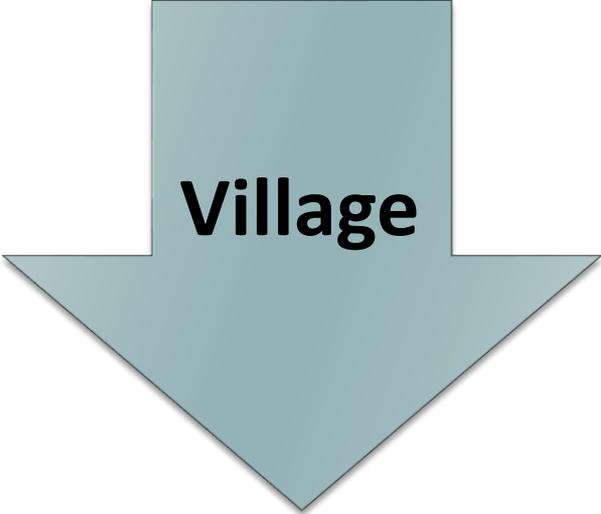
Malone Plan: Special Districts

- ▶ The Committee recommends the creation of special districts to provide some services to the former Village only.
- ▶ Districts include street lighting, leaf and brush pick-up and post-employment obligations for retirees.

Malone Plan: Other Elements

- ▶ Liabilities: none identified
- ▶ Debts: will continue to be paid for by water users
- ▶ General fund balance: will be used for Village purposes; any remaining balance upon dissolution will transfer to the Town
- ▶ Water and sewer fund balance: will transfer to the new water and sewer districts
- ▶ Property: will be owned by the Town
- ▶ Laws and ordinances: to remain in effect for up to two years, unless no longer applicable or amended by the Town

Impact of Dissolution on Tax Rates

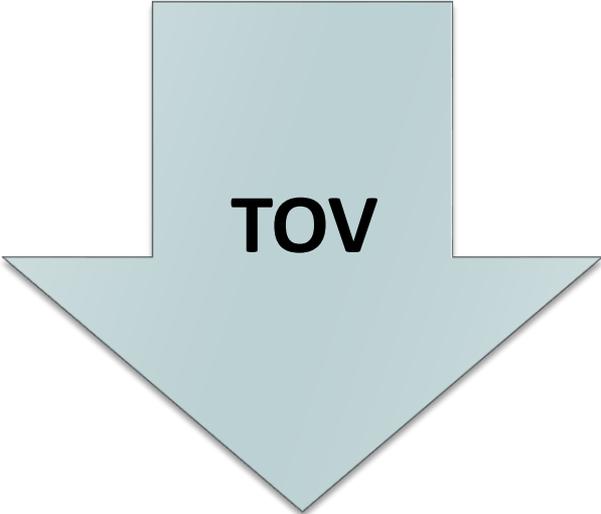


Village

Current: \$23.50/\$1,000

With CETC: \$12.10/\$1,000

Without CETC: \$14.10/\$1,000



TOV

Current: \$8/\$1,000

With CETC: \$11/\$1,000

Without CETC: \$13/\$1,000

Impact on a Property Valued at \$75,000



Current Tax Bills:

- Village: \$1,760
- Town Outside Village: \$610

Estimated Tax Bills (with CETC):

- Village: \$910
- Town Outside Village: \$825

Estimated Tax Bills (without CETC):

- Village: \$1,060
- Town Outside Village: \$975

Alternatives to Dissolution

- ▶ The Town and Village could explore opportunities for greater collaboration with respect to:
 - ▶ Administrative services
 - ▶ Financial administration
 - ▶ Code department
- ▶ The Town and Village may wish to consider sharing office space and co-locating any new garage buildings.
- ▶ The Village may wish to explore new ways to provide police services at lower cost.
- ▶ The Village could implement an employee suggestion program to enable cost-saving ideas to be generated from within the organization.

Next Steps

- ▶ The Committee will transmit its proposed Dissolution Plan to the Village Board (July)
- ▶ The Village Board determines whether or not to put the Dissolution Plan up for a vote
- ▶ If the Board decides to hold a vote, the Board will hold a public hearing on the Plan (August) followed by a public vote (could be Nov. 6)
- ▶ If the Board decides not to hold a vote, the Board can choose to implement any of the alternatives (e.g. shared services). The public can also petition for a vote.
- ▶ Dissolution effective date: December 31, 2014