
Strategies for Shared Services/Consolidation

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Options Decisions – Overview

Note: Options for the Village and Town of Malone can draw from one or more strategies. The Committee can also evaluate opportunities for shared services and functional consolidation that could be pursued both without and with Village dissolution.

- There are a handful of major option decisions the committee should address.
- The choice of options depends on the strategy used:
 - Shared Services Approach
 - Both governments perform a function but share people, facilities and/or equipment. For example, DPW sharing equipment and personnel.
 - **Two governments, two sets of employees.**
 - Functional Consolidation Approach
 - One government provides the services for both. For example, Village DPW operations are consolidated into the Town.
 - **Two governments, but one set of employees and equipment.**
 - *Note: For shared services and functional consolidation, implementation can be worked out between the two boards through intermunicipal agreements (IMAs).*
 - Full Consolidation Through Dissolution Approach
 - This would occur if the Village dissolves – i.e., there would be one government instead of two.
 - **One government and one set of employees and equipment.**
 - *Note: Under a dissolution scenario:*
 - *Village voters would have to approve the dissolution;*
 - *After the dissolution vote, the two boards would work together during a transition period (usually 12-18 months) before the Village officially dissolved.*