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**Study Committee to Hold Official Public Hearing on the
Dissolution Plan for the Village of Port Henry
7 p.m., Dec. 17, Knights of Columbus**

Port Henry, NY — December 7, 2009 — The Village of Port Henry/Town of Moriah Dissolution Study Committee will hold its official public hearing on its report and plan for the dissolution of the Village on Thursday, Dec. 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus, 4253 Main Street, Port Henry.

After presenting various dissolution scenarios to the public at two public meetings in November, and getting feedback from Village and Town board members and community members, the Committee met in early December to develop its proposed Dissolution Plan. The Dec. 17 hearing will be residents' opportunity to comment on the Dissolution Plan before it is finalized by the Committee and submitted to the Village Board.

The Committee urges residents of the Village and Town to attend the hearing and learn about the service, fiscal and tax implications of the Dissolution Plan. The report and plan are available, beginning Dec. 11, at www.cgr.org/porthenry. Village Mayor Ernest Guerin noted, "Residents need factual information in order to make an informed decision. We expect the question of dissolution to go to referendum in March 2010."

The Dissolution Study Committee is a joint Village/Town committee that has been conducting the dissolution study since early fall. The Committee has been assisted by the Rochester-based Center for Governmental Research (CGR). The study is funded through a state grant.

Following its official public hearing, the Committee will finalize its report and plan and submit them to the Village Board. The board will be responsible for taking the next steps for putting the proposed plan on the March 2010 ballot. If Village voters approve dissolving the Village, dissolution would take effect on December 31, 2011.

Study Committee members are:

Village of Port Henry: Mayor Ernest Guerin, Trustee James Hughes, Walt Wojewodzic and Joseph Celotti
Town of Moriah: Supervisor Thomas Scozzafava, Councilman Richard Carpenter, Charlie Bryant and John Boyea.

About CGR

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