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**Community Is Invited to Public Meeting Describing Fiscal & Tax
Impact of Dissolving the Village
7 p.m., Nov. 19, Knights of Columbus**

Port Henry, NY — November 9, 2009 — Residents of the Village of Port Henry and the Town of Moriah are invited to a public meeting on Thursday, November 19 to learn about the fiscal and tax impacts of dissolving the Village. The meeting will be at 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus building located at 4253 Main Street in Port Henry.

A joint Village/Town Dissolution Steering Committee has been conducting a dissolution study since early fall with assistance from the study consultant, the Rochester-based Center for Governmental Research (CGR). The study is funded through a state grant, and information developed to date for the project is available at www.cgr.org/porthenry.

The public meeting will include a PowerPoint presentation by CGR and a Q & A session with the public. CGR will overview how the study team approached identifying the impact of dissolution. The study team will also discuss:

- Estimated cost savings if the Village dissolves
- Tax impact of dissolution – for both Village and Town-outside-Village taxpayers
- Service impact
- Next steps in the study process

“If you care about your taxes and what is going on in your community please attend this meeting to ask questions and get answers about what may happen,” said Village Mayor Ernest Guerin. “Residents need factual information in order to make an informed decision when the question of dissolution goes to referendum, which is expected to occur in March 2010.”

“Taxpayers in the Town-outside-Village should also attend this meeting,” said Town of Moriah Supervisor Thomas Scozzafava. “Although the residents of the Village will make the final decision regarding whether to dissolve the Village, dissolution also may impact areas outside the Village.” He noted that the Dissolution Steering Committee’s next step will be to develop a plan that can be “put in place if dissolution takes effect” and that community input will help inform that process.

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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