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Dissolution Study, Plan and Alternatives Village of Mannsville

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Presentation Overview

- ▶ What exists today?
- ▶ What are the options?
 - ▶ Option 1: Do not dissolve
 - ▶ Option 2: Dissolve the village
 - ▶ Option 3: Do not dissolve and share services with the town
- ▶ Next steps
- ▶ Questions

What Exists Today: Village of Mannsville

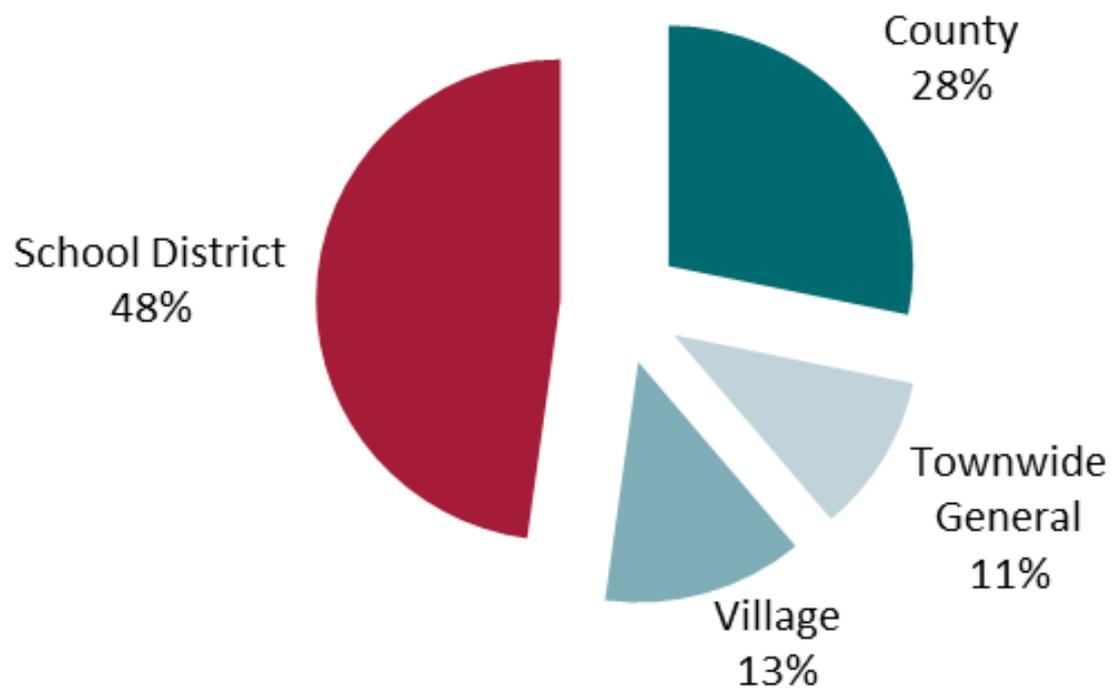
- ▶ Governed by Mayor and Village Board
- ▶ Administration, including tax collection
- ▶ Water
- ▶ Park maintenance and other labor, as needed
- ▶ Snow removal of Village office, church, fire department
- ▶ Zoning board
- ▶ Agreements with Mannsville-Manor Volunteer Fire Department, the South Jefferson School District (recreation) and the Mannsville Free Library

Village Budget Overview (2012-2013)

- ▶ \$190K in total expenditures (not including this study)
- ▶ \$100K in general expenditures and \$90K for water expenditures
- ▶ The four largest categories account for approximately 80% of the budget:
 - ▶ Water: \$47,000
 - ▶ Debt: \$46,800 (\$44,300 for water; \$2,500 for village hall)
 - ▶ Public Works: \$33,500
 - ▶ Staff: \$32,400
- ▶ Approximately 40% of revenues for general expenditures are from property taxes and 37% are from sales tax revenue shared by county
- ▶ Water fund revenues are derived from metered water sales

Property Taxes Paid by Village Residents

Property Taxes Paid by Village Residents
FY 2012-2013



What Exists Today: Town of Ellisburg

- ▶ Governed by a Town Supervisor and Board
- ▶ Administration
- ▶ Highways (including maintenance of cemeteries)
- ▶ 3 water districts
- ▶ 3 street lighting districts
- ▶ Contracts with 3 fire departments for fire protection
- ▶ Provides financial contributions to 3 libraries and to the School Districts for recreation
- ▶ Limited number of local laws
- ▶ Court

Town Budget Overview (2012)

- ▶ \$2.3 million in total expenditures
- ▶ The top four expenditure categories account for just over 70% of the total budget
 - ▶ Highway: \$1.28 million
 - ▶ Water: \$.4 million
 - ▶ Employee benefits: \$.3 million
 - ▶ Courts: \$.2 million
- ▶ Approximately a quarter of total revenues is from property taxes and a quarter is from sales tax revenue shared by county (this does not include special districts).

Property Taxes Paid by Residents in the Town Outside of Villages

Property Taxes Paid by Residents in the Town Outside of Villages

FY 2012



What Options Have Been Considered?

- ▶ Option 1: Do not dissolve
- ▶ Option 2: Dissolve the village and continuation of some services at the discretion of the Town
- ▶ Option 3: Do not dissolve and share services with the town

Option 1: Do Not Dissolve

- ▶ If the Village does not dissolve, the Village of Mannsville residents will continue to receive services from the Village and the Town.

Option 2: Village Dissolves (1)

- ▶ Mayor and Board positions eliminated
- ▶ Village Clerk position eliminated, Deputy Clerk position transferred to the Town
- ▶ Street lights provided by the Town through a special district. The estimated cost of this service would be approximately \$0.6 per \$1,000 of assessed value.
- ▶ Water provided by the Town through a special district and continues to be funded through user fees. Water fund balance used to pay down the debt. Outstanding debt becomes part of the Mannsville water district.
- ▶ Financial contributions to the library (~\$800) and the Mannsville Fire Department (\$4,000) are at the discretion of the Town (Dissolution Plan assumes elimination)

Option 2: Village Dissolves (2)

- ▶ The outstanding debt on the Village Hall will be paid for and the building will be sold to the library (note: Dissolution Plan is advisory to the Village Board, which can choose how to respond).
- ▶ The Village Board may sell the garage and equipment to the church or an adjacent neighbor.
- ▶ The park, water filtration plant and water tower will transfer to the Town.
- ▶ The town would issue building permits and the town zoning board would cover the former Village.
- ▶ Laws and ordinances remain in effect for up to two years, unless no longer applicable or amended/repealed by the Town. The Town could adopt Village laws (e.g. zoning, dogs at-large) as Town laws. The Dissolution Plan does not bind the Town to do so.

Option 2: Village Dissolves (3)

- ▶ The Town Highway Department would provide the following services:
 - ▶ Plow, sand and sweep the streets (as it does currently)
 - ▶ Maintain the Village Park
 - ▶ Collect storm damage debris
 - ▶ Clean and flush fire hydrants
- ▶ Current Village services that would be discontinued:
 - ▶ Plow the church, museum, library or fire department
 - ▶ Hang Christmas lights
 - ▶ Pick up leaves
 - ▶ Remove snow from fire hydrants
- ▶ The Village laborer position would be eliminated.

What is your tax rate today?

	Mannsville Resident	Town of Ellisburg Resident, outside of villages
Town tax rate (does not include special districts)	\$2.4	\$2.4
Mannsville tax rate	\$3.0	n/a
Total	\$5.4	\$2.4

What is your tax rate if the Village dissolves?

	Mannsville Resident	Town of Ellisburg Resident outside of villages
Town tax rate (does not include special districts)	\$2.5	\$2.5
Mannsville street lights	\$0.6	n/a
Total	\$3.1	\$2.5

The Village tax rate will decrease by approximately 40% and the Town tax rate will increase slightly (2%).

What is your tax rate under dissolution if the state aid is factored in?

	Mannsville Resident	Town of Ellisburg Resident outside of villages
Town tax rate (does not include special districts)	\$2.5	\$2.5
Mannsville street lights	\$0.6	n/a
Subtotal	\$3.1	\$2.5
Application of state aid	-\$0.6	-\$0.6
Total	\$2.5	\$1.9

The Village tax rate will decrease by approximately 50% and the Town tax rate will decrease by 20%

What is the tax impact of dissolution on a property valued at \$75,000?

Current Tax Bills:

- Village: \$405
- Town Outside Village: \$180

Estimated Tax Bills (without state aid):

- Village: \$231
- Town Outside Village: \$184

Estimated Tax Bills (with state aid):

- Village: \$189
- Town Outside Village: \$142



Option 3: Do Not Dissolve and Share Services

- ▶ The Town and Village could have one joint zoning board. While the savings from combining this function are not substantial, it would reduce the need to find volunteers for the Village zoning board.
- ▶ As staff retires, the village could consider contracting with the town rather than replacing staff.

Next Steps

- ▶ The Committee will transmit its proposed Dissolution Plan to the Village Board
- ▶ The Village Board determines whether or not to put dissolution to a vote
- ▶ If the Board decides to hold a vote, the Board will hold a public hearing on the Plan (January 10) followed by a public vote (March 19)
- ▶ 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: May 31, 2014

Questions?



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