

## **Dissolution Study Committee**

Minutes  
May 11, 2011

Civic Center Community Rm  
6 – 7:30 p.m.

Chairperson: Tim Connolly

Present: Tim Connolly, Ruth Garner, Eleanor Hopke, Jack McGuire, Mario Pusateri, Marie Regan, Rose Rivezzi, Will Siegfried, Cindy Goliber, Alexandra Jacobs, Mark Lee, Dan Parker, Steve Warr, Mike Zagrobelny

Absent: Michele Arnold

I. Minutes: May 4, 2011 approved

II. Announcements and Updates:

A. Joint Board presentation of the Options Report: 25 May at 6PM in the Village Board Room.

B. Public Forum to present the Options Report: 8 June at 6PM in the AAK Middle School Cafeteria.

III. Discussions:

A. Jaime Saunders (CGR) led a discussion via teleconference of the Joint Board Options Power Point soliciting feedback on the PPT skeleton as presented by CGR. Items requiring decision included:

- 1) Village clerical and administrative positions (currently 35 hr positions in the Village) will be assumed to be 30 hr positions in the Town (the current Town standard).
- 2) For purposes of this study the Town Board will remain 5 persons (4+1). Consideration of other options (first class town, 7 member board, districting) will be left out.
- 3) Concerning TOV and TW percentages for Town administrative functions, post-dissolution, it was decided that 100% of this item is Town Wide.

B. Function by function discussion of the major policy points in the options report:

- 1) Administration: No Change. All Village functions transfer to Town.
- 2) Buildings: No reduction in number. Shifting of functions would occur.
- 3) DPW/THD: No change in primary operations. All Village operations, equipment, and positions shift to town with exceptions:
  1. Street lighting and refuse would be special districts.
  2. Village sidewalk policy adopted Town Wide.
  3. Eliminate leaf & brush pickup in former Village opting for drop-off at Village dump instead. Discussion ensued about the possibility of expanded service area and reduced frequency of pickup. This alternative was noted by the DPW SubC.

4. Eliminate "urban forest" care (saplings purchased via grant would no longer be planted and watered by DPW/THY). Consensus was that the SubC should consider revisiting this option as it provided more value than hardship.
- 4) Utilities: Water and sewer in the former Village would become a service district with no change in current service or cost.
- 5) Hydro: Town would assume debts and revenues.
- 6) Police: Options include Special District, Town Wide Force, Sheriff Contract. Police SubC favors creating a Town Wide force citing political uncertainties associated with the district option in state government. CGR's personal opinion is that benefits of a district are worth the risk.
- 7) Fire Protection: Favored option is Fire Protection District encompassing current PFD area of Village and Town. FPD implementation of a "paid driver" model is desirable.
- 8) Rescue Squad: No change.
- 9) Courts: No change in service or staffing levels - becomes a Town Court. Justices go from 4 to 2 positions with increased hours.
- 10) Code Enforcement: No change to current staffing or enforcement. Town would fill current vacancy.
- 11) Codes and Ordinances: Small changes required. Special ordinances would be set for former Village.
- 12) Community & Economic Development and Planning: Becomes a Town Wide function. The General SubC has not yet settled on a preferred option to implement this.
- 13) Recreation: No change in current services or staffing.

IV. Public Reflections: none

V. Calendar:

- Joint Boards Meeting May 25, Civic Center Board Room 6:00
- Options Report Public Forum June 8, AAK Middle School Cafeteria 6:00

VI. Adjournment: 7:30 pm

Submitted by Tim Connolly