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VILLAGE OF VICTORY

Terrie L. Wolcott, Chair  
Village of Victory Dissolution Committee  
PO Box 305  
Victory Mills, NY 12884

**Re: Letter of Intent**

Dear Ms. Wolcott:

At an agenda meeting of the Saratoga Town Board, held on August 9, the Board discussed the questions posed in your July 9 letter. As you know, some of the actions described in your letter are mandatory under applicable Village Law, should dissolution occur. For those that are discretionary with the Town, we have attempted to offer what is the present sentiment of the current Board members. However, many of these future actions will require further detailed study should the Village dissolve. There is also the real possibility that fiscal circumstances will change in the future, and further that the member composition of the present Board may change due to elections. What follows is our response, numbered to correspond with your questions:

1(a). Real property assets of the Village will be transferred to the Town if not disposed of by the Village prior to dissolution. Whether the building you ask about is kept and maintained by the Town is related to the issue of how the Town contracts fire protection service for the area of the present Village. A decision on this fiscal issue cannot be realistically made at this preliminary stage.

1(b) and (c). See 1(a) above.

2. This is a fiscal question within the jurisdiction of the Commissioners of the Quaker Springs FD. There would be additional information needed in order to arrive at an accurate actuarial estimate as it might affect the tax rate.

3. The Town would likely hire one present Village employee with the needed experience and credentials to help service the needs of the present Village.

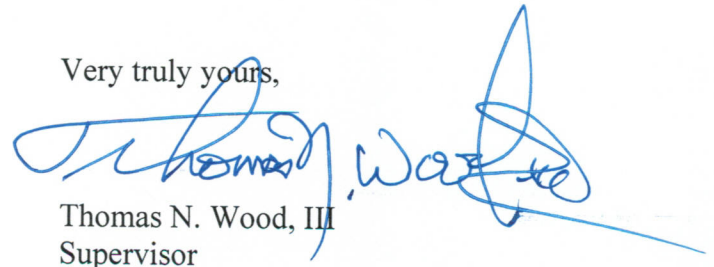
4. The Town expects to have the need to hire one additional part-time employee for an undetermined length of time.

5. Yes.
6. No
7. The Town would seek to revise and renegotiate the present method of water delivery for current Village users of the joint water system.
8. See #7 above.
9. If a grant were not available, these transition costs would likely be a town-wide expense.

I hope our responses are helpful to your Committee, the Trustees and the Village voters as each makes this important decision. I remain available as always to offer whatever assistance I can.

Thank you very much.

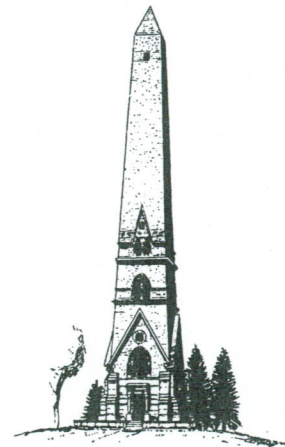
Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Thomas N. Wood, III". The signature is stylized and written over the typed name and title.

Thomas N. Wood, III  
Supervisor



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## VILLAGE OF VICTORY

*Home of the Saratoga Battle Monument*

July 09, 2012

Honorable Thomas Wood  
Town Supervisor  
Town of Saratoga  
12 Spring Street  
Schuylerville, New York 12871

**RE: Letter of Intent  
Village of Victory Dissolution Study**

Dear Supervisor Wood and Members of the Town Board:

The Village of Victory Dissolution Study Committee met on June 27<sup>th</sup> 2012 to address a variety of uncertainties raised from the village residents following our June 13<sup>th</sup> public meeting. These uncertainties have resulted in the committee's decision to submit this letter to the Town Board to better understand the Town Board's intent regarding these questions if the Village of Victory were to dissolve.

The committee does realize that you are at the beginning stages of working on the yearly budget and would greatly appreciate it if you were to set aside some time and give consideration to our inquiries. We understand the Town's letter of response does not bind future boards nor is it a legal document, but it will be beneficial to the village voters as the committee moves forward with developing its final plan. For reference, the committee's current draft plan is summarized in a power point presentation and budget assumptions are available in a "crosswalk" document, on the study website: <http://www.cgr.org/victory/documents.aspx>

Please respond to the attached questions by September 5<sup>th</sup> by returning your responses to the village office; ATTN: Terrie Wolcott. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by e-mail at [perky1015@aol.com](mailto:perky1015@aol.com).

The Village of Victory Dissolution Study Committee thanks you for your time.

Very Truly Yours,

Terrie L Wolcott  
Committee Chair  
Village of Victory Dissolution Study Committee

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The Village of Victory Dissolution Study Committee Questions for the Town Board

July 09, 2012

- 1). How is the Town of Saratoga going to handle the David Nevins Fire Department if the Village of Victory were to dissolve?
  - a). Will the town assume ownership of the building and maintain?
  - b). If the David Nevins Fire Department requires approximately \$42,000 to operate (this does not include legal and accounting costs) is the town going to divide the cost over the area that they service only (includes former Village of Victory and portion of the current TOV fire protection district) or should we assume the costs would be shared equally across the full TOV fire protection district, as is current practice, regardless of the servicing department?
  - c). If the David Nevins Fire Department gets \$1.50/\$1000 assessed valuation, will Schuyler Hose be raised to the same rate?
- 2). If the town decides they will contract with another neighboring fire department to cover the former Village of Victory; if the 35 guys (who are current members of the David Nevins Fire Department) were to join Quaker Springs -(where they would be eligible for the retirement program); how would the tax rate impact be to all parties?
- 3). Will the two current DPW employees' be hired by the town or will the town decide to hire other staff to continue with the required services?
- 4). Based on reviews of previous dissolution studies the town made no commitment to providing services at "no additional cost"; in our current plan it is assumed the Town will absorb all functions by the current Village Clerk without requiring additional staff or incurring additional costs; can the Town confirm such with the committee?
- 5). Will the town be establishing special districts for lighting, sidewalks, and storm sewer maintenance (this will also include keeping the storm drains clear from leaves)?
- 6). The items to maintain the sewer are stored at the current Village of Victory DPW building; will these items continue to be housed in this garage?
- 7). How would the Town work to ensure water users from the former Village of Victory are represented on the water board?
- 8). How would the Town work to ensure the current Village of Victory water users are not charged the 1.5 TOV rate or would this TOV rate be removed all together?
- 9). The committee has been advised that there are NYS LGE grants available to consolidating towns and villages to assist with transition costs. If the village and town are unable to obtain this grant funding, how would these expenses be handled?