

## Village of Victory Dissolution Study Committee

Meeting Minutes Dated: July 1, 2012

The Dissolution Study Committee held a public meeting Wednesday June 13th @ 6:30 p.m. in the Village of Victory Community Center.

**In attendance:** Terrie Wolcott, Tom Drew, George Garney, Debra Mathis, Laurel Tator, Leslie Dennison and Barbara Tierney

**Absent:** Kim Wait, Allen Kortokrax, and Kathleen Rathbun

- Chair Terrie Wolcott kicked off the first public meeting for the dissolution study.
- Introduction of the committee members.
- Overview of the committees charge and indicated the committee will be taking recommendations and questions from the public.
- Introduced Jaime Saunders as the committee's technical consultant from CGR.
- Jaime presented the power point to the public; this power point varied from the one presented at the joint board meetings for the Town of Saratoga and Village of Victory.
- Once the presentation was complete; the floor was opened up to the public for questions/comments:
  - Q: from **Tom Wood/Town Supervisor**: What equalization rate is being used?
  - A: 65% this is what was used in 2011
  - Q: How is the mortgage tax going to be applied to the TOV?
  - A: This tax will be used to minimize the increase of the DPW expenditures.
  - **Patti Joli-Zotzman/Village of Victory resident**: indicated she requests to no longer be paying for any type of sidewalk maintenance. She also inquired about the fire department and how that will be handled if the village dissolves; Jaime explained that this will now have to be contracted with the town.
  - Q: from **Pierce/village resident**: if the part-time account clerk position is being paid for by the user fees these funds should not be considered a savings then?
  - A: There is no savings as it is being paid for by the user fees.
  - Q: from **Larry Wolcott/Village of Victory resident & fire chief**: currently the village pays \$1.64/\$1000 for town taxes, what does the town resident pay?
  - A: The town resident pays \$3.51 as there is no B Fund, and this cost is offset by other revenues which the town will see an increase in.
  - Q: (unknown individual): Will the differences in the laws/ordinances between the town and the village be posted to the [cgr.org/victory](http://cgr.org/victory) website?
  - A: Yes
  - **Wendy Lucas/Village of Schuylerville resident**: feels the town does not need to handle the sewer issues and is requesting a sewer district.
  - Q: from **Tom Wood/Town Supervisor**: The town would assume they would be responsible for the maintenance of the current village building-how much does it cost?

- A: These costs are built in to the fire services, however these services are not built into the maintenance of the village DPW building.-this would not become the town's responsibility.
  - **Wendy Lucas/village of Schuylerville resident:** the current Village of Victory pays a sewer charge for those that do not use it; will those residents continue to be charge?
  - A: all sewer practices will be handled based on the current practice.
  - **Q: Larry Wolcott/Village of Victory resident & fire chief;** who controls the water system? Is it possible if the current Village of Victory dissolves current village residents would become TOV (town outside village) and potentially be charged the rate of one and a half times their current rate?
  - A: the possibility is there; a new IMA has to be created and will include new provisions under dissolution to conform to a uniform water rate.
- Public meeting was concluded around 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terrie Wolcott, Committee Chair