

Village of Victory Special Meeting Dissolution Study Committee November 9, 2011

The Dissolution Study Committee held a meeting on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the Village of Victory Community Center.

Chair Terrie Wolcott opened the meeting.

Present: Terrie Wolcott, Michael Marchin, Tom Drew, George Garney, Barbara Tierney, Kathleen Rathbun, Laurel Tator and Kim Wait

Absent: Leslie Dennison, Debra Mathis and Allen Kortokrax.

The meeting minutes from September 14, 2011 were approved.

Ms. Wolcott opened the meeting and introduced Jaime W. Saunders, a Representative from CGR. (Center for Governmental Research) Ms. Saunders will be the primary associate working with this committee.

Ms. Saunders gave an overview of the study timeline. She explained that they are in the process of collecting data from the Village and the Town. Once they have collected all that is being requested they will be then analyzing it to put in a report form. The report will have three parts; key points- what's required, Decisions-what if any to be made, and then the options- what is recommended to put in the plan. Ms. Saunders explained the reasoning behind keeping no opinions about this study until the committees duties are over. She explained that the committee is here to be objective and bring issues to the table.

Time line was discussed. January/February of 2012 they would like to share what exists and a list of decisions that will need to be made. March 2012 is the guts of the plan, April 2012 to present to the board, through a joint meeting with the village board. May 2012, would be the 1st of the public hearings. 2012 Summer will be quiet, unless issues come up to be addressed. In the fall of 2012 another public hearing would take place. The first part of 2013 would be the last public hearing before the vote in March.

Ms. Saunders asked the committee, how they will make decisions. She stated it is usually by majority. It was determined by the committee, that decisions will be by majority.

There was a discussion on the data that is provided. Ms. Saunders explained that this is data from now. It is current to this point, it will not be exactly current at the time of the vote. They need to pick a time frame and keep all data within that time frame.

The website was discussed, it was explained to be user friendly and it all looked good. Ms. Saunders explained that this website can go live as soon as the committee approves it going live. **Member Marchin made a motion to go live with the website and it was seconded by Member Tator, all eyes, motion passed.** It was also discussed to promote this website where ever possible. It was discussed to have a link from the Town and Village Website. Member Marchin asked that the 18 month process be explained on the website, along with Member Tator explaining that we would like input by the public. www.cgr.org/victory

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There was a discussion on the tax rate background and overview of the current town vs. village vs. Town outside Village.

There was a discussion on the key community concerns and other considerations to inform the study. This was determined to be an ongoing discussion. Some issues were the Fire Department and the Village Cemetery.

There was a discussion on the next meeting. It was determined to tentatively set the next meeting for January 11th, 2012 at 6:30pm in the Victory Community Center. The status of the progress will be determined closer to the time of the January meeting.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, January 11, 2011 at 6:30pm.

Member Marchin made a motion to a close the meeting and it was seconded by Member Rathbun, all ayes, motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brenda S. Buchanan
Recording Secretary