

parts of the Village operations at different times, that might be a situation where the full Board could discuss specific parts of the Village, obviously not the Police Department.

Mr. Petroccia commented that a Joint Meeting was formed to look into Shared Services, and Mr. Snyder was a key component at those meetings – now we're back where he can't participate? Mr. Same replied those discussions were not about the entire package of the Village. Mayor Smith asked why it would be perceived as a conflict of interest if Mr. Snyder is not dealing with issues that directly affect his compensation - even if he is talking in general terms about police protection, he is not necessarily insuring his compensation. Mr. Morrell replied a request was made to the Attorney General's Office, and he was told that they no longer write any new opinions regarding compatibilities of offices, which is what this is; they directed him to prior opinions, and this is more or less what these prior opinions have held. After discussion, Mr. Morrell stated these are important decisions and he would like to avoid any of these decisions being challenged at a later date. He would also like to avoid any allegations of any type of ethical lapses on any Members of the Board that he is charged with advising. After further discussion, Mr. Same stated as we transition, he believes Mr. Snyder will be able to help with that process. He hopes the Village Board will help the Town Board with that process, as well as Department Heads of the Village.

Ms. Sauvageau stated the Committee of Shared Services spent a lot more time on some of these factors; they did some work and had some proposals ready to go that were positively received by a lot the Board. It seems to her that would be a good place to start – it was the particularly the DPW and Zoning. Mr. Same said the Boards are not in the process of Shared Services anymore – we are now in the process of transitioning services the best we can in the right fashion, and should not be transferring services without the Board totally understanding what it is taking on.

Ms. Sauvageau stated she has another major concern which is the police services; this vote was taken and the project was sold based on what was in the CGR dissolution report which was Town police; the package being defended is the police district. She said there is a major difference in expectation in the public, especially that tax difference. Mr. Same didn't agree with Ms. Sauvageau, and said the proposition put before the voters basically said that the Town did not agree to any of the things that were in that plan – that's what the people saw and voted on. Ms. Sauvageau said what the people saw was 48%. Mr. Same stated the majority of the Town Board agreed to implement the services as was stated in the returned Agreement – this is what the Board should be doing. He added the first thing is to ask the Village Board to join the Town Board in the request for a special district because we need their support to keep police protection the same as it is in the Village and keeps the people protected the way they wanted. He said it does not spread the cost outside the Village to the people who don't want it, and it does not limit the Sheriff and State Police protection they currently have – it's a benefit for the entire Community. Mr. Same noted the Board said in the beginning that this is the direction it wanted to go.

Mr. Same stated his formal request to the Village Board is – will it join with the Town Board in the request to our State elected Officials to proceed with the special police protection district. Mayor Smith responded by saying she didn't understand how Mr. Same can ask for the Village Board's opinion about this when it hasn't been formalized among Town Board Members. She thinks the people of the Community need to know the financial impact. Mayor Smith said she agrees with Ms. Sauvageau in that when people supported dissolution, they supported it based on the promise of a 48% savings. She thinks we can't proceed unless people have a full understanding of what the financial impact of the proposed district is.

Mr. Same stated that particular service is just one of the many services the Board has to work through, and that is why it has to work through those services individually and determine those impacts. A budget will have to be put together in the future to determine what the cost implications will be for all Residents. He said the Board felt the best option going forward was a police protection district; it does have less of a savings on the current Village Residents, but it is the best option for the Community. Mayor Smith stated she doesn't think Mr. Same can ask the Village to formalize support for that particular request without explaining what the financial impact is. Mr. Same said Mayor Smith is asking for something the Board cannot do now – it's going to take months to determine that effect. He added the Town Board will do the best it can to provide services in the most efficient manner; if they don't do it well enough, they will be voted out of office. Mr. Same said the Board will do the best it can, but it can't do it without the Village's support, and that's what the Board is asking. Further discussion followed. Mayor Smith said if that request is going to negate the savings the people supported in the voting booth, she doesn't feel comfortable supporting it.

Mr. Petroccia referred to the Shared Services Committee and said the four of them left the meetings in full agreement that the way police protection should be pursued was through a Townwide police department. Mr. Snyder stated he didn't talk about the police department. Mr. Moore stated they walked away with the idea of presenting those ideas to the Boards – they agreed on several things amongst the four of them, and they would present those situations to the two Boards who would make the decisions. He added the Committee made no decisions – they just put a program together so they could talk to the Boards and try to get something going. Mr. Moore said the Board is asking for the Village's support to make this transition as smooth as possible; it's going to take the Village Board's support to help the Town get through this so that it can do what's best for

everyone. Mayor Smith stated the Town will have the support of the Village Board and the Village Staff in terms of a smooth transition. She added until the Town Board decides how things are going to be (as it is in their control) and lets them know, then they can help the Board achieve that goal; at this point, the Town Board needs to let the taxpayers understand what it is that the Board's vision is. She concluded by saying the ball is in the Town Board's court in terms of sharing with the Village the way things are going to be. Mr. Moore stated there's no question about that – this is the first Joint Meeting since the people have spoken. He said the Board is trying to polish things up and work with the Village – we will get figures; we will refine things as we go along. He added while he is on the Board, he is going to support and do the best he can for everyone who went to the polls and voted and beyond that. Mr. Moore stated this is a situation that was put on the Town Board's table and we have to work together. After further discussion, Mayor Smith pledged on behalf of the Village Board and Village Staff that they will do everything they can to assist in making this a smooth transition. She doesn't envy the position that the Town Board is in when the Board has to decide who they are going to disappoint; the Town outside the Village people are going to pay more taxes with townwide police, but the Village Residents are expecting a 48% tax savings. Brief discussion followed.

Mr. Same stated the Town Board has to make a decision now that the Community has decided to dissolve the Village to provide services the best way it can to all the Residents at the most economical cost. He said the Town will need to look at the entire Budget - all of its revenues and expenses to determine what the tax rate will be; the Board will work on it, but it's going to take time. He added the Town Board's commitment was to ask for a special district; if the Village Board joins the Town Board, that would be great, if not, the Town Board will ask without the Village Board. These are the issues we are wrestling with along with the Village Board; we are asking the Village to help the Town Board implement the best plan we can for the Residents.

Mr. Casamassima stated it's going to take time to apply for that special district; if they go along with that now, then we can work to get the numbers and look at both townwide and special district at that time.

Mayor Smith said she is maintaining that the smoothest transition of all would be to take services and personnel intact. Mr. Same asked if the Town Board says they are going to take it all, are they going to lock the door tomorrow at the Village Offices. Mayor Smith repeated that what she is maintaining is that it would make for the smoothest transition possible. Mr. Casamassima asked if that would be immediately; Mayor Smith replied that would be the Town Board's proposal – that's the Town Board's call. Mr. Same asked where the savings would be, if any, if the Town took on all the operations and personnel. Mayor Smith stated it is her belief that the people voted for those savings with the understanding that things would be the same – the numbers, the efficiencies, the savings. Mr. Casamassima said he thinks people voted to have some change. Mr. Same said people voted to dissolve Village government to get rid of the Village administration and push it back to the Town and have the Town take care of the services. Ms. Sauvageau stated she thinks people expected to lower their taxes, and that was their main point. She said we all know the Town has revenues and the Village has services they need to deliver; to get those revenues spread around on those services was the main point.

Mr. Snyder asked if the two Boards can break down into Committees and start working on this. Mr. Same agreed and said that's where we need to go – to break up into Committees and ask for help if we need help.

Mr. Same stated his request is on the floor, and the Mayor says she can't support it because she doesn't have the full impact. Mayor Smith said if Mr. Same would come to the Village Board Meeting and give a presentation about the financial impact, that would probably do much to provide the information that she feels the voters of the Community deserve. Mr. Same indicated she can pull it out of the CGR report. Discussion followed.

Mr. Casamassima proposed that the Board consider the Mayor's proposal – take everything on and then decipher it from there. Mr. Same said he didn't think that is the right answer – he will do what the majority of the Board wants to do. Mr. Snyder said he doesn't agree with that – the two Boards should come together and start working on this now instead of having meetings like this, arguing about the transition. He again mentioned that the two Boards should break down into Committees and start working on figures and manpower needed.

Mr. Driscoll stated he keeps going back to the dissolution plan, and that's what he supports; he is not in favor of a police district. He added in terms of how to proceed, he also suggests breaking up into Committees and handling each one of the issues. He is in favor of following the report and working on it to make it happen.

Mr. Casamassima stated the reason he is sticking with the special district is that he felt for the Officers that serve here, it is the most secure position to them to have a job; it will continue as it is with the services we have had for years. He said if you go Townwide, he thinks you will lose the department because no one will want to have more officers and more vehicles, and that's what will be required. He added the people in the Town have told him they don't need Townwide police. Mr. Moore stated he is in favor of Committees, and he would like the Department Heads involved as they are very important. Discussion followed.

Mr. Campese stated he doesn't like the police district; he believes it should be Townwide force. He added it doesn't matter whether the Town takes it over or you give it to the County, it still will cost you the same amount

of money – all the taxpayers are still going to pay, one way or another. He said some people voted because they wanted the police department to stay the same; a lot of people were looking at that 48% savings. Mr. Campese told the Town Board to go as a Board, do it yourself, and see what happens. Brief discussion followed.

Discussion followed relative to establishing committees. Mr. Same noted there are actually five major topics in terms of services – police, fire, water and sewer, streets and public works and code enforcement. He thinks it will work well with two on each committee plus department heads, and come back with recommendations; ultimately, it will be the Town Board's decision. He added the Town Board still has to meet and talk about those services; there's a whole lot of issues that have to be discussed – it's more than just setting up a committee.

A motion was made to work with the Town Board to form Committees as needed by Trustee Anthony Petroccia and seconded by Trustee Larry Driscoll. No questions. Motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Petroccia suggested that Mr. Same and Mayor Smith meet and see what committees are needed, and then go back to their respective Boards and formalize who is going to represent the Village and who is going to represent the Town on those Committees.

Being there was no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the Meeting by Village Trustee Anthony Petroccia and seconded by Trustee Sylvester Campese. No questions. Motion carried 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Mr. Same stated next Friday at 11:00 AM is the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Boaters' Facility on Canalside; Carmella Mantello, Canal Corporation Director, is scheduled to be here, and all is invited.

Being there was no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the Meeting by Town Board Councilman T.J. Casamassima and seconded by Councilwoman Sue Sauvageau. No questions. Motion carried 5 ayes, 0 nays.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Town Clerk