

Dissolution Committee

Minutes

April 8, 2009

Present: Dressing, Lucchesi, Martignetti, McGrimly, Sinicropi, Case, Agnello, Mayor Smith, Sowards, Same, McConnell

The Chair opened the meeting for public comment. There being none, the Chair noted that the Village Board had approved the consulting agreement with the Center for Governmental Research, Inc. (“CGR”). The Chair next introduced the following individuals from CGR: Charles Zettek, Project Director; Scott Sittig, Project Manager; and Katherine Corley, Survey Specialist. Mr. Sittig then presented an overview of the study and proposed timeline for completion. The primary objective is to provide the Village Board with a final report by December 2009. Mr. Sittig also reviewed the requirements of the plan for dissolution under Village Law 19-1903.

After the presentation, the Chair raised the issue of SEQR, which was an open issue from the prior meeting. He indicated that some of the SEQR questions were answered. According to the attorney, if dissolution is the perceived direction that the Dissolution Committee will recommend, the village will need to address SEQR requirements. To facilitate the process, such investigation should begin in August 2009.

The Chair then made the following appointments to sub-committees:

<b>Public Safety</b>	<b>Water/Sewer</b>	<b>Administration</b>	<b>Planning</b>	<b>Public Works</b>
Al Martignetti	Frank Sinicropi	Menzo Case	Bernie Lucchesi	Suzanne Sinclair
Frank Sinicropi	Menzo Case	Bernie Lucchesi	Ann Agnello	Bill McGrimley
Ken McConnell	Ann Agnello	Suzanne Sinclair	Bill McGrimley	Ken McConnell
				Al Martignetti

The Public Safety sub-committee is scheduled to meet on April 22 at 10:00 in the Village Offices. The Water/Sewer sub-committee will meet on the same date at the same location at 1:00.

The Chair asked the committee to review the tentative meeting dates. After discussion, the December 10 meeting was moved to December 7. It was also determined that the committee meetings will begin at 6:00 PM and public meetings will begin at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Sittig was asked to lead a discussion regarding the planned public survey to determine the items to be addressed. He noted that the survey will be conducted via phone calls, noting that calls will be made until sufficient responses are obtained to make statistically valid conclusions. The following were general items that the Committee believed should be addressed in the survey:

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- The importance of services (i.e., police, fire, etc.);
- Whether the respondent would vote in a dissolution ballot;
- Responses received from town only residents and village residents should be tabulated separately; and
- Whether the initial CGR study was reviewed.

Mr. Sittig indicated that the information discussed would be reviewed and a draft survey would be provided to the Committee for review before it was finalized.

Mr. Sittig next reviewed the proposed website, noting that it was being developed so that it is interactive and would provide the public with updated information. The Chair asked that links be provided to the website via the Town and Village websites.

The Chair indicated that at the April 30 public meeting, the agenda includes: An introduction of CGR; A Review of the Plan Requirements; An Overview of the Timeline; and An Introduction to the Public Survey and Website.

There being no further business before the Committee, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectively submitted,

Menzo D. Case,  
Secretary