

Village of Forestville Dissolution Committee

December 30th 2016

Present: Dave McEntarfer, Nancy Adams Fry, James O'Connell, Lindsay Butler, Randy Feinen, Cathy Higgs, Cheryl Kneise

Absent: Mark Wooley

The committee discussed the options for the Fire Department, whether to create a Fire District or a Fire Protection District, what the distinction is and which would be the best path for the Village and the Fire Department. The general feeling of the committee is that a Fire Protection District would be the best path but would like to have a meeting with Kyle Barthel and get his input. The committee is also aware that the final decision with this matter will be that of the Town of Hanover.

Dave McEntarfer reported that he and Paul Bishop had contacted a CPA, who felt he could handle the audit that would be necessary for the dissolution plan. The mayor was able to access some of the QuickBook files from one of the Village computers and although incomplete it is believed that the Village Auditor will be able to enter the information needed over the next month and have the books ready for any needed audit.

The committee discussed several options that might be available to transition services over to the Town of Hanover, this included transfer of equipment, village employees and the setup of various Districts that would be needed to maintain services the committee feels are needed. This is to include but not limited to maintenance of streets, snow plowing, sidewalk plowing, brush and leaf pickup. The committee will recommend continuation of all youth and senior programs, plus a process for community beautification.

Nancy Fry Adams is reviewing our current zoning laws with the Town of Hanover. All current zoning laws would remain in effect for 2 years after the dissolution. Dave McEntarfer is reviewing the existing local laws, any law on the books would also remain in effect for 2 years after the dissolution but we need to determine if any our current laws will conflict with those in the Town of Hanover.

Dave McEntarfer had some preliminary discussion with Town of Hanover officials whose primary concern is how they would handle our water district. Since the village has well water it must be tested on a daily basis by licensed water personnel. The town currently has no one licensed to test water. Viable options include contracting the testing out or hiring one or more new employees qualified to do this testing.

The committee is concerned and wants to make sure that everyone in the village is fully informed on how the process is working and what we as a committee are recommending. Besides the webpage from CGR, we want to print out this information and make it readily available to people, either through common distribution points or just face to face dissemination.

The joint taskforce will be meeting in the Town of Hanover on the 13th of January. The Forestville Dissolution Committee will meet the following week, date to be determined.