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Village of Forestville Dissolution Plan

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Objective

- Present the Dissolution Plan as developed by the Village of Forestville Dissolution Committee and approved by the Village of Forestville Board of Trustees
- Gather feedback and suggestions for Board of Trustees to consider prior to final adoption
- Board of Trustees will adopt the plan based on their timeframe and GMU Article 17-A requirements
- All project documents to this point are at www.cgr.org/forestville

Plan Overview

- The local government entity to be dissolved shall be the Village of Forestville, New York.
- The territorial boundaries of the Village of Forestville are based on the boundaries set by the Village of Forestville Board of Trustees on January 29, 1963 and accepted by the Town of Hanover Town Board on February 11, 1963.

Estimated Fiscal Cost of Dissolution

- Total Cost of \$95,000
 - Auditor fees = \$10,000
 - Surveys of village property = \$5,000
 - Legal fees for town and village = \$50,000
 - Fees related to transfer of ambulance operating certificate = \$5,000
 - Consultant fees for dissolution projects = \$ 15,000
 - Miscellaneous advertisement fees = \$10,000

Elimination of Village Employees

- Eliminated Positions
 - Mayor and Deputy Mayor
 - Board of Trustees
 - Clerk/ Treasurer offices
 - Claims Auditor
 - Planning and Zoning Board
 - Code Enforcement Officer
 - Cleaner
 - DPW Staff
 - Hanover will create one position, but no one is eligible for transfer
- Performance Bonus
 - DPW, cleaner, claims auditor and village clerk will receive bonuses to stay until dissolution

Disposition of Property and Fund Balances

- Unless sold, transferred or specified it goes to Hanover
 - 7 parcels of land
 - Water system
 - Vehicles desired by the Town
 - Personal property (office furniture, parts inventory, tools, computers)
- Transferred to Fire Company/District
 - Fire Station and land
 - All apparatus and equipment

Village Liabilities and Debts

- \$159,048 for a fire truck that will be the responsibility of the fire district
- \$3.5 million for 27 annual payments left on water system
 - Responsibility of water users, including those in the former village
 - “The dissolution plan requests that a fund be established from the proceeds of land sales and other appropriate assets to be used over the length of the loan to reduce the debt payments for the residents. ”

Agreements

- In preparing for battle, I have always found that plans are useless, but planning is indispensable.
 - Dwight D. Eisenhower
- Everyone has a plan until they are punched in the mouth
 - Mike Tyson



Agreements

- The Committee anticipates that if dissolution of the Village is ultimately approved by the Forestville Village Board and voters that the succeeding Town government will provide for and comply with the Plan set forth in this document.
- The Dissolution Committee recognizes the Plan could be impacted by unforeseen circumstances occurring at the time of dissolution. Thus, this document is a plan, not a guarantee.
- However, representatives on the Committee endorse this Dissolution Plan, which was developed in good faith and with the input of all members of the Committee.

Agreements to Carry Out Dissolution

- Fire District will allow reasonable and appropriate access to the fire station for community groups.
- The Town of Hanover will continue to fund the existing youth programs in the Village of Hanover.

Continuation of Functions or Services

- Legislative and Administrative services will be provided by the Town
- Village records will be transferred to the Town
- Public works will be provided by the Town
 - Lighting District to be established
 - Sidewalk District to be established
 - Refuse District to be established (for yard waste)
 - Water District to be established
- Zoning enforcement and planning to be provided by Town

Continuation of Functions or Services

- Fire and EMS
 - Still provided by Forestville Fire Dept.
 - All assets will be transferred from village to District or Company
 - Operating certificate for ambulance must be transferred
- Animal Control arranged by Town
- Village attorney position eliminated
- Brush clean up will be funded through special refuse district

Village Laws and Ordinances

- 51 laws on the books
 - 18 would be not applicable once the village dissolves
 - 33 would remain in effect until town acts on the laws
 - 90 percent have a similar town law that might be modified to match the intent of the village law
- 2 years from dissolution to sort out laws

Effective Date of Dissolution

- December 31, 2016
- 200 days from June 14, 2016

Revenue Impact

- No longer able to collect Utilities Gross Receipts Tax
 - However, residents won't be charged this tax
- CETC will go to Hanover in the year after dissolution
 - Estimated at \$171,000
 - 70 % must be used for lowering tax burden

Forestville Village Tax Comparison

		With CETC			Without CETC		
	Current	After Dissolution	Change	After Dissolution	Change	After Dissolution	Change
2016 Village Tax	\$ 5.50	\$ -	\$ (5.50)	\$ -	\$ (5.50)	\$ -	\$ (5.50)
Fire Protection District	\$ -	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00
Light, Refuse and Sidewalk District	\$ -	\$ 1.40	\$ 1.40	\$ 1.40	\$ 1.40	\$ 1.40	\$ 1.40
General Townwide	\$ 2.11	\$ 1.80	\$ (0.31)	\$ 2.30	\$ 0.19	\$ 2.30	\$ 0.19
General TOV	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Highway -Townwide	\$ 0.87	\$ 0.90	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.90	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.90	\$ 0.03
Highway -TOV	\$ -	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.40
Total	\$ 8.48	\$ 5.50	\$ (2.98)	\$ 6.00	\$ (2.48)	\$ 6.00	\$ (2.48)

Estimated tax rates shown in cost per thousand of assessed value.

Hanover TOV Tax Comparison

	With CETC				Without CETC	
	Current	After Dissolution	Change	After Dissolution		
Fire Protection District	\$ 1.02	\$ 1.00	\$ (0.02)	\$ 1.00	\$ (0.02)	
General Townwide	\$ 2.11	\$ 1.80	\$ (0.31)	\$ 2.30	\$ 0.19	
General TOV	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Highway -Townwide	\$ 0.87	\$ 0.90	\$ 0.03	\$ 0.90	\$ 0.03	
Highway -TOV	\$ -	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.40	
Total	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.10	\$ 0.10	\$ 4.60	\$ 0.60	

Estimated tax rates shown in cost per thousand of assessed value.

Village Board may amend the dissolution plan but must adopt a plan within 60 days from the close of the last public hearing.

Community Consent	Community Opposition to Plan
Town and Village act on plan to prepare for dissolution.	Within 45 days after approval of final plan, a petition may be filed with the Village clerk with 25 percent of the registered voters
Dissolution occurs on 12/31/2016	If petition is determined to be valid (30 days), there will be another referendum (60 to 90 days)
	Plan must then be voted on by the voters.
	If plan passes, it will be carried out.
	If plan fails, the village remains.

Questions

- Visit the website www.cgr.org/forestville
- Contact Paul Bishop at pbishop@cgr.org