

**Village of Harrisville**  
**Dissolution Study Committee Meeting**  
**Meeting #4 – April 18 @ 6:00 p.m. @ the Joint Municipal Building**  
**Minutes**

**Attendance:**

Committee Members - David Parow, John LaDuc, Julie Malbeuf, Marianne Dicob, Donald Messer, Celia Bango, Ray Gregory, Gary Williams (arrived at 7:10 p.m.)

Public – David Thomas, Tom Best, Don Thomas, Leland Ryan, Kelly Ritz Ray Gregory, Joe Binion, Chad LaPlatney, Robert Bellinger, Paul Jackson, Ward Baker, Jim Smith, Ann Hall, Roger LaPlatney, Colleen Moynihan, Pamela Miller, Lisa Newcombe

Guests – Kevin Schwenzfeier (NYSDOS)

Consultants - Star Carter (DANC), Carrie Tuttle (DANC)

**1. Presentation #4: Fire and Ambulance Services**

- a. S. Carter reviewed the V/Harrisville Dissolution Study PowerPoint Presentation #4. This presentation covered the Fire and Ambulance services delivered to Village and Town residents.
- b. Questions/clarifications:
  - i. Slide 11 – Harrisville Fire Dept. does not provide service to Fort Drum property located near Lake Bonaparte, within the Town of Diana, and the Fort Drum-owned parcels do not pay any Special District taxes, so they are not part of the Diana Fire Protection district. The map has been modified to remove the Fort Drum parcels from the coverage areas. A label was added of the Hamlet of Natural Bridge. The rates for fire and rescue services per \$1,000 of assessed value were added to the different service areas for comparison.
  - ii. Slide 12 - Added slide with a cost breakdown showing the rate per \$1,000 of assessed value for the different service areas. S. Carter confirmed with Lewis County Real Property and St. Lawrence County Real Property that the rate for the Fire Protection Districts is based on the levy provided by the Towns and applied to the Taxable Assessed Value of the Fire Protection District. It is important to note that the Taxable Assessed Value of the Fire Protection Districts is different than the Taxable Assessed Value for the entire Town, because certain properties that are tax exempt from municipal taxes may still have to pay Special District taxes. The Taxable Assessed Values in this table are the confirmed values for the Fire Protection Districts in 2017, and the confirmed Taxable Assessed Value for the Village 2017 taxes. The Village does not have a separate tax rate for Fire and Rescue Services; Village residents pay for these services as part of their overall Village tax. This table shows what the Village rate for Fire and Rescue Services would be if it was broken out separately based on \$1,000 of assessed value. The table is presented below. Note that the Village currently pays the equivalent rate of \$0.78 per \$1,000 assessed value; Diana pays \$0.68 per \$1,000 assessed value; and Pitcairn pays \$0.60 per \$1,000 assessed value.

2017 Contracts	V/Harrisville	T/Diana Fire Protection District	T/Pitcairn Fire Protection District	Totals
Rescue/Ambulance Service Fees	\$4,000	\$29,700	\$12,753	\$46,453
Village Fire Dept. Fees	\$10,272	\$62,753	\$27,024	\$100,049
Natural Bridge Fire Dept. Fees	\$0	\$12,000	\$0	-
Total Cost of Services	\$14,272	\$104,453	\$39,777	\$158,502
Taxable Assessed Value for 2017 taxes	\$18,311,037	\$152,514,795	\$65,893,373	\$236,719,205
Computed Cost Per \$1,000 for Rescue/Ambulance Fees	\$0.22	\$0.19	\$0.19	\$0.20
Computed Cost Per \$1,000 for Fire Dept. Fees	\$0.56	\$0.49	\$0.41	\$0.42
Total Computed Cost Per \$1,000 for Rescue and Fire Services	\$0.78	\$0.68	\$0.60	\$0.62
<b>Total Cost Per \$1,000 actually collected in 2017</b>	Residents pay for these services as part of Village tax.	<b>\$0.684871</b>	<b>\$0.607294</b>	

- iii. Slide 14 - Added “computed” Village tax rate for Fire and Rescue Services, if those services were broken out separately from the overall Village tax rate.
- iv. Slide 19 - Corrected the Workers Compensation expenditure amount to \$1,421 for all the volunteer firefighters and rescue members in the Village.
- v. Slide 26 - fixed spelling error: “arraignment” should be “arrangement”.

2. **Other business to be discussed at May meeting:** C. Tuttle will ask the committee to consider using the Fire Hall for the first Public Informational Meeting in July. The Hall is available on the July 18 date. The Public Informational Meeting needs to be scheduled and confirmed soon, so there will be time to advertise the meeting in the media.

3. **Meeting Schedule:** Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month

Meeting	Month
#1 Kickoff and Demographics	January 17, 2017
#2 What Exists: Municipal Financials	February 21, 2017
#3 What Exists: Dept. of Public Works, Water Dept., & Highway Dept.	March 21, 2017
<b>#4 What Exists: Fire Department</b>	<b>April 18, 2017</b>
#5 What Exists: Municipal Officials & Employees	May 16, 2017
#6 Draft Existing Conditions Report	June 20, 2017
#7 Public Meeting #1 - Existing Conditions	July 18, 2017

#8 Alternatives	August 15, 2017
#9 Draft Alternatives Report	September 19, 2017
#10 Public Meeting #2 - Alternatives	October 17, 2017
#11 Final Dissolution Report and Plan	November 21, 2017
#12 Public Hearing (if recommended by committee)	December 19, 2017