

## Village of Richville

### Dissolution Study Committee

Meeting #2 – 5/16/16 @ 5:45 p.m. @ the Richville Fire Hall

#### Minutes

Attendees: Blue Jay Fenlong, Norris Davis, Ann Adams, John Frary, Shelley Prashaw, Bonnie Raymo, Larry Pratt, Harold Jenkins

Consultants: DANC – Star Carter, Carrie Tuttle

Guests: Romayne Hartshorn

1. Presentation #2: Existing Conditions - Municipal Services, Financials, & Personnel – S. Carter provided a PowerPoint Presentation on the second topic in the dissolution study process. The following questions and clarifications were discussed.
  - a. Question: The County tax rate for the Village and Town is different. Why?  
Answer: The Village applies its sales tax revenue to its County tax levy so this reduces the rate per \$1,000 for Village residents. If the sales tax revenue was applied to Village taxes then the Town and Village would pay the same amount for County taxes. This will be discussed at June's meeting.
  - b. Clerk clarified that the Village employees do not participate in the NYS Retirement system. The benefit costs of \$3018 includes benefits for the Clerk and the board members. From page 21, the breakdown of benefits includes \$619 for social security, \$2110 for Workers' Compensation Insurance, and \$289 for unemployment insurance.
  - c. Town of DeKalb - Town is providing ambulance services to Hermon, Gouverneur, and Rensselaer Falls under "Health" category on AUD for a total of \$20,394.
  - d. Question: How much of the tax levy for town-wide does Richville pay? Answer: the amount of taxes that Richville pays is based on the value of the taxable assessed property in the Village. All town and Village resident pay the same rate/\$1,000 for town-wide taxes.
  - e. Slide 33: Could be 1-3 part-time town seasonal employees.
  - f. Slide 34: delete "Mayor" and add "Bookkeeper" to "Supervisor" line item.
  - g. Slide 26: Question: Clarification was provided that costs for code enforcement include salary, contractual and equipment and capital outlay.

- h. Slide 36: Correct spelling of “Dashnaw St.”
- i. Question: How are lighting district rates calculated? Answer: The Town reviews the prior year actual expenses and the rates are set accordingly.

2. Future Meeting Schedule Date Review:

**Future Meeting Schedule**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Month</b>
#1 Kick-Off Meeting & Presentation #1: Demographics	April 25, 2016
<b>#2 Existing Conditions: Municipal Services, Financials &amp; Personnel</b>	<b>May 16, 2016</b>
#3 Draft “What Exists” Report	June 20, 2016
#4 Alternatives Discussion	July 18, 2016
#5 Draft “Alternatives” Report & Prep for Public Meeting	August 15, 2016
#6 Public Meeting	September - TBD
#7 Draft Final Dissolution Plan	October 17, 2016
#8 Final Dissolution Plan & Prep for Public Hearing	November 21, 2016
#9 Public Hearing	November - TBD
#10 Committee Presents Final Study to Board & Project Closeout	December 19, 2016

- 3. Other Business – B. Fenlong mentioned that Martin Hassett is going to be working out of state and not be able to attend Committee meetings. She is going to speak to him about the potential of attending remotely. Other Committee members were requested to forward any potential additional Village residents that may be interested in participating.