

Corinth Shared Service/Dissolution Feasibility Study Committee Meeting

June 30, 2010 6 pm, Fire Hall

Committee Members Present: Jim Hopkins, Jeff Collura, Ed Byrnes, Renee Baker, Dick Lucia, Tim Murphy (Chairman), Melanie Denno, Scott Sprague, Kevin Granger, Tim Hanchett

Others Present (non-voting): Andy Kelley, Art Lozier, Shawn Eggleston, Nicole Colson.

Consultants: David Liebschutz (CGR), Michael N'dolo (Camoin), Christa Ouderkirk (Camoin)

Meeting Called to Order by Mr. Murphy at 6:20 pm.

Mr. Murphy apologized for the meeting late start. Discussion of Minutes from May 6th and May 20th meetings. Upon motion of committee with unanimous approval, minutes approved.

Mr. Liebschutz presented the draft report *Options for the Village of Corinth: Identification and Evaluation of Viable Alternatives for Delivering the Services and Functions provided by the Village of Corinth*.

Mr. Liebschutz explained that upon dissolving, one of three things can happen with EPCOR 1) the money goes away; 2) the money continues to go to the current village residents; and 3) the money would go to the Town for all Town residents. Mr. Lucia thought that EPCOR might want to renegotiate their contract in advance of its expiration in 2014 if the Village were to dissolve.

Mr. N'dolo explained that, under the previous law, dissolution occurs December 31st following the year of the vote. However, under the new law, the dissolution plan would specify when the dissolution takes effect. Mr. Liebschutz offered that the dissolution plan is the Village's document; the final report provided by CGR can serve as the basis of the majority of any plan. Mr. Murphy said he has a few examples of dissolution plans for review if anyone desires.

Mr. N'dolo explained that Village residents are not voting on a dissolution plan, they are simply voting on whether to dissolve. He continued to explain the timeline of dissolution process with and without a petition.

A discussion ensued regarding special districts and what the Town is able to change regarding services. Mr. N'dolo discussed that districts must be in place prior to dissolution. In the future, if the Town decides that a service is not necessary, they can end the district and (in most cases) the district does not issue its own debt.

Mr. Liebschutz discussed the proposed special districts within the report, which consists of two districts. One district is responsible for paying off Village debt, which goes away once the debt is paid, and the other is a service district which includes all other services. The Town would then administer the special districts.

Mr. Lucia commented that the Table on page 12 may be misleading to residents because in 2009 there is no highway tax, whereas in 2010 there will be. Mr. N'dolo answered that even though the numbers will change from year to year, the general change presented under the option is what is important for residents to understand in able to make their decision.

Mr. Granger ask about the formation of a fire district, indicating that when the original decision to have two districts was made, he was under the impression that the Town would be able to govern a fire district the way the Village currently does. Mr. N'dolo explained that there are two basic options: 1) a fire district is formed that acts as a separate level of government; 2) a non-for-profit fire corporation is formed, which contracts with the Town for service.

Mr. Granger commented that if a fire corporation is formed, there will be additional administrative costs to the corporation as the Village currently handles many administrative tasks for the department.

Ms. Colson asked about the administration of water and sewer districts, and expressed a concern that the percentage originally provided regarding the time spent by the Village Clerk handling these tasks is likely lower than the actual amount of time spent on administrating these districts. She believed that the \$3 increase in taxes would not fully take into account all of the necessary additional administrative costs.

Before adjourning Mr. N'dolo suggested that the process could be completed soon and that there are only a few decisions that the Committee needs to make before presenting a final report to the Village Board. The consultants will provide a list of these decisions for review and consideration of the committee prior to the next meeting, which we be held on July 21 at 6 pm.

Upon motion of committee with unanimous approval, Mr. Murphy adjourned the meeting at 7:45.