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Malone public meeting at 6 p.m. at Village Offices

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MALONE — A progress report from consultants and subcommittee assignments fill the agenda tonight for those studying possible dissolution of the Village of Malone.

The meeting, set for 6 p.m. at the Village Offices, is open to the public.

Included will be an update from Charles Zettek and Ana Liss of the Center for Governmental Research, which was hired to guide the committee in studying village and town shared services, consolidation options and whether dissolution could be a wise move for the village.

GATHERING DATA

The committee is chaired by Martha Weaver, former director of the Franklin County Empire Zone.

She said the Center for Governmental Research "is in the early stages of the dissolution study and is currently gathering primary data of what exists."

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That includes compiling copies of financial statements for each entity, the village tax rate and property assessments, village assets and real property, personnel and retiree expenses and village codes and how they are carried out.

The consultants will also bring together copies of current municipal laws and ordinances, existing contracts, maps and more.

Weaver said the Town of Malone is also being asked for some information that the Center for Governmental Research will share Wednesday.

STUDY GROUPS

The committee is expected to form subcommittees to look in more depth at the village-department operations from the initial information the center will provide.

Among the subcommittee assignments will be those studying the Town Highway Department and Department of Public Works; water and sewer; public safety; codes, zoning and planning procedures; administrative and facilities operations; and miscellaneous issues.

Three suggestions have already been submitted to the committee via its website, www.cgr.org/malone, where residents can ask questions and find documents and reports detailing the committee's tasks and progress.

In addition to Weaver, the committee members are Mayor Todd LePine, Village Board member Joe Riccio, Town Council member Mary Scharf, Malone Taxpayer Coalition representative Don Merrick, town homeowner Hugh Schickel, village homeowner Shawn Fournier and business representative Jim McKee.

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