

News

Corinth to hold village dissolution vote today

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Staff report

CORINTH — Residents will vote today on whether to dissolve the village.

If approved, village government would cease to exist sometime in 2013.

Earlier this year, a committee charged with studying the issue voted 11-1 against dissolution. However, more than 10 percent of residents signed a petition in favor of the move, meaning the village is required by law to hold a vote.

People who favor dis-solution say it would save taxpayers money and eliminate wasteful duplication of services.

Others say the savings would be minimal and that Corinth stands to lose more than it would gain by dissolving.

The dissolution study, conducted with help from the Center for Government Research, was funded by a state grant. As an incentive for dissolving, the state would give Corinth about \$400,000 per year for an indefinite period of time.

However, given the state's troubled fiscal condition, committee members questioned whether the state would live up to this promise.

The village no longer has a police department, but it contracts with the Saratoga County Sheriff's Department, which has a substation in Town Hall. Current village services include garbage pickup, leaf pickup and snow plowing.

The village owns Corinth Fire Department. If the village dissolves, a new townwide fire district would be created with its own board of officers and budget.

Polls are open from noon and 9 p.m. today in Village Hall, 244 Main St., Corinth.

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