

Village of Medina
Dissolution Plan Committee
Minutes
8.1.13

PRESENT: Don Colquhoun, Chair
Charlie Slack
Thurston Dale
Andrew Meier
Scott Sittig, CGR
Paul Bishop, CGR

Meeting was called to order at 1:06pm.

Chairman Colquhoun proceeded with introductions

Sittig discussed process moving forward, explained that work of committee would be guided by Appendix D to the grant agreement with the State of New York. The objective of process is to complete dissolution plan and deliver to the board. Adoption of the plan by the board or the voters is not required under the grant agreement with the State.

Sittig reported that CGR has met with Skip Draper of the Town of Shelby, and that he and the town were receptive to this process and that the town would agree to be a part of it to the extent their participation is requested.

Sittig reported that Brian Napoli of the Town of Ridgeway was not receptive to participating in the process, and that it would not cooperate with the work of the committee other than through the Freedom of Information Law.

Committee members expressed disappointment that Ridgeway would not be cooperative, especially considering the unanimity of the Consolidation Study committee to proceed with a 3-way municipal consolidation. Colquhoun suggested that he and another committee member contact Napoli about reconsidering the Town's position.

Sittig advised the committee that there is no statutory timeline applicable to the process other than what's triggered upon endorsement of the plan by the village board.

Sittig advised that the role of committee is to approve dissolution plan and present it to the Village Board.

The committee agreed that minutes of each meeting would be made public.

Sittig recommended the committee consider public relations efforts, and Dale requested Colquhoun be tasked to develop PR practices. Colquhoun agreed to serve as the

committee spokesperson, and CGR indicated that its communications would be routed through Colquhoun.

Bishop reported that committee website is under revision. Web address will be www.CGR.org/medina.

Bishop said that CGR's next step would be interviews with Medina, Shelby and County personnel. He hoped that Ridgeway officials could be interviewed eventually, as well.

Bishop discussed Project Schedule. The process will be deliberative and there is no rush to get the project complete in a certain amount of time.

Bishop said that CGR would put together 2 plan: one that tends to preserve more services and which results in smaller tax rate reductions; and another that eliminates more services but which results in larger tax rate reductions. Both plans would then be submitted to the public. Then the committee deliberates further, narrows the plan to one plan which could contain elements of each plan, and submits the final plan to the public and the board.

The committee decided that it would prefer a schedule that left enough time for fact gathering, committee deliberation and public input. The committee did not wish the process to be expedited solely so that a vote on the plan could occur by March 2014.

The next committee meeting was not scheduled, and would be called as needed.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew W. Meier
Secretary pro tem