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Village of South Nyack: Potential Impacts of Village Dissolution

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About CGR

- Founded in 1915 by George Eastman to improve local government
- Nonprofit, nonpartisan, independent
- Funded through fee-for-service contracts
- Local governments, foundations are primary clients throughout Northeast U.S. and beyond
- We have worked with dozens of communities in New York as they have evaluated possible dissolution, consolidation and shared services

Expectations

- The goal is provide enough information about key services and overall costs for voters to make an informed decision
- This presentation and the report will not answer every question or cover all topics
- The estimates for savings are intended to be the low end of possible savings
- Forecast tax rates are based on 2020 and are rounded to the nearest dime

Key Findings

- Orangetown would become the primary provider of most municipal services including police, public works, building inspections, planning, zoning, clerk services and governance
- Many other services wouldn't change – schools, fire, EMS, water and sewer
- Refuse collection would need to be contracted directly by the consumer
- More information is needed in a few areas such as the justice court and post employment benefits
- Needed civil service positions could be transferred through a plan with the town
- A property owner with a median home would save about \$1,400 a year in taxes

Service Impacts (1)

- Elected Officials
 - All elected positions would be eliminated
- Administrative
 - Existing positions are eliminated, but Town would likely add a position in Clerk or Finance
- Police
 - The current positions (6FT, 10 PT) would be eliminated and likely replaced with 5 FT officers to have a single patrol post 24/7
 - Supervision and investigation handled by the Town
 - The patrol post could be pulled to other areas of the Town

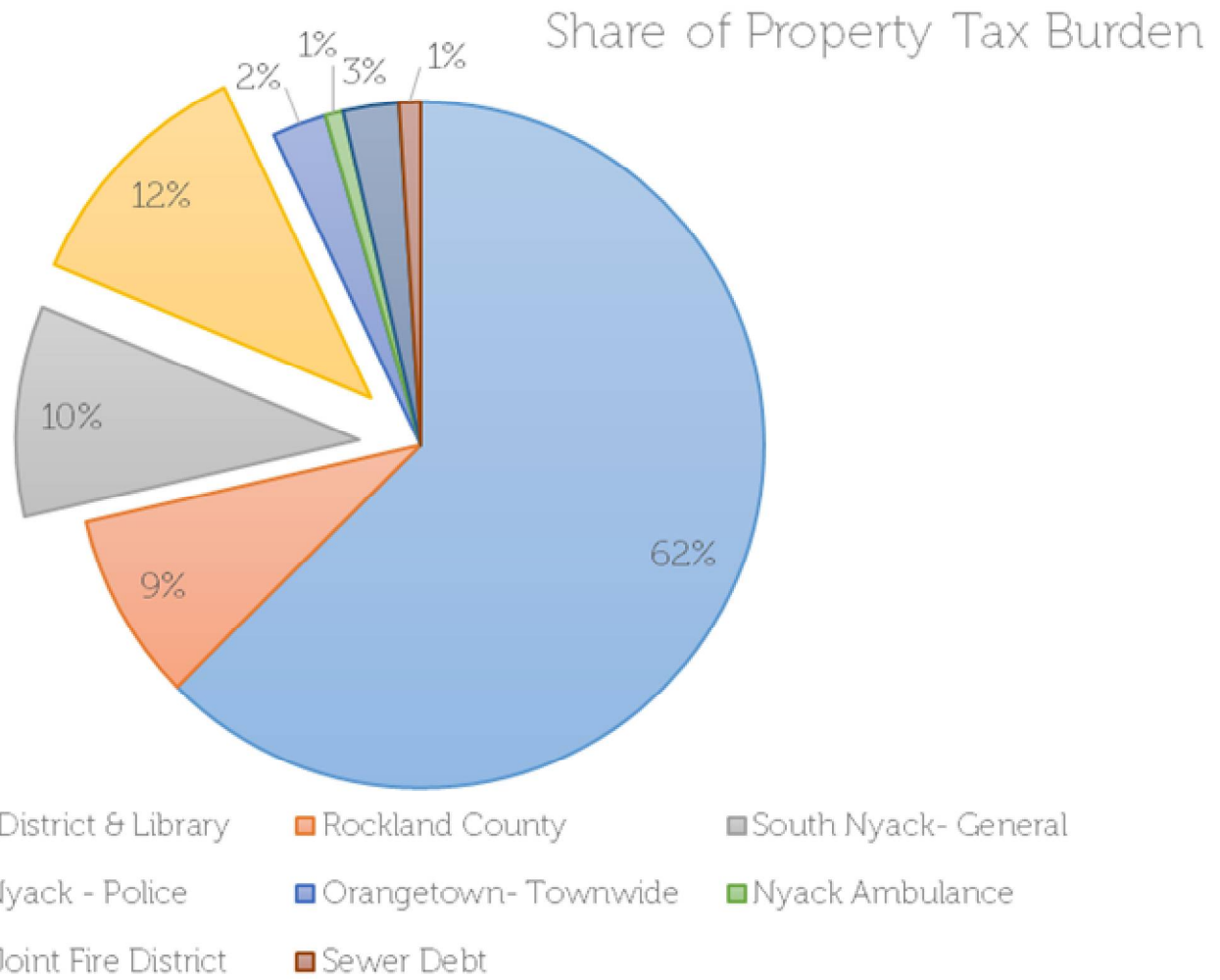
Service Impacts (2)

- **Public Works**
 - The Village positions would be eliminated. The Town would pick up most of the work and need three employees to do it
 - Village residents would receive same services as rest of Orangetown including green waste removal, plowing, and street repairs
- **Building Inspection**
 - The Village positions would be eliminated. The Town would pick up most of the work and likely need to add two employees to do it (along with planning / zoning responsibilities)
 - Village laws would need to be reviewed by the Town and remain in force for two years or when reviewed

Service Impacts (3)

- Planning and Zoning
 - The Village's boards would be eliminated and the Town would assume the responsibility
 - The staffing added above under Building will help support the additional work
- Legal Services
 - Legal work specifically related to Village operations would end, but work related to land use would need to be picked up by the Town
- Justice Court
 - The Village's Justice Court is shared with Grand View on Hudson and the South Nyack responsibilities would likely dissolve along with the Village. However, additional work is needed to understand the process

Financial Impacts – Current Burden



Current (2020) Property Tax Regime

Rate Per Thousand (unless noted)	Homestead	Hypothetical Homestead
School District & Library	\$51.29	\$51.29
Rockland County	\$7.25	\$7.25
South Nyack- General	\$8.14	\$0.00
South Nyack - Police	\$9.55	\$0.00
Orangetown- Townwide	\$2.10	\$2.10
Nyack Ambulance	\$0.70	\$0.70
Nyack Joint Fire District	\$2.15	\$2.15
Sewer Debt	\$0.83	\$0.83
Orangetown- TOV Police	\$7.24	\$7.00
Orangetown- TOV Other	\$0.57	\$0.60
Orangetown- TOV Highway	\$1.78	\$1.80
Village Debt	\$0.00	\$1.08
Local Services for Village	\$30.70	\$23.50
Total with Schools	\$81.99	\$74.79
Local Services Taxes on home values at \$200,000	\$6,140.97	\$4,700.37
Total Taxes with Schools and Library	\$16,398.07	\$14,957.47
Potential Savings		\$1,441

Tax Calculator Demonstration

The Future of the Village of South Nyack

Community Discussion of Reorganization, Consolidation, Dissolution, and Shared Services

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Property Tax Calculator

This calculator is designed to allow someone to estimate what the impact of Village dissolution might have on their whole property tax bill. The detailed explanation of the change in the tax rates is included in the [report](#). The purpose is to illustrate what would happen if the changes went into effect with the 2020 tax rates.

To use the calculator, select if you live in the Village or Town and then enter the market value or assessed value of your home. The calculator will then give your approximate tax bill for the current year. It will not be exact as the assessed value by the town or village may not match what you believe is the market value. It will also calculate the estimated new town tax bill based on the likely conditions after dissolution of the Village of South Nyack. The estimate is intended to give you context for making your decision on the question of dissolution.

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Other Financial Impacts

- Village Debt
 - Remains the responsibility of the Village properties until retired
- Revenues
 - Sales Tax, State Aid, and Franchise Fees would go to Town
 - Utilities Gross Receipts Tax goes away
- Citizen's Empowerment Tax Credit
 - Town would get a \$1 million increase to their state aid beginning in the year after dissolution going forward
 - Must be used for property tax reduction

Other Impacts

- Representation and Enfranchisement
 - Go from 1 of 1,900 voters to 1 of 38,000 voters
- Local Laws
 - Village Laws remain in effect for two years or until acted upon by the Town
- Post Employment Benefits
 - An annual expense of \$210,000. No clear plan for them at this point.
- Undetermined Impacts
 - Parking, vital records, park maintenance and sidewalks all need further assessment and planning

Next Steps

- Question and Answer on December 3rd at 7:30 pm on Zoom
- Dissolution Vote on December 17th from noon to 9 pm at Living Christ Church, 151 S. Broadway, South Nyack, N.Y.
 - Absentee ballot applications are available on the Village website
- If Vote is to Dissolve, then Village Board must begin the planning process
- If Vote is to Remain, then dissolution cannot be considered by the Village for 4 years

Questions

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