

# Village of Van Etten Dissolution Plan

## Descriptive Summary of Plan

Residents of the Village of Van Etten voted to dissolve the Village into the Town of Van Etten. The Village has created a dissolution plan based on Article 17-A of the General Municipal Law.

On April 30, 2018, the Village Board approved the dissolution plan that was developed by a citizen committee with assistance from a consultant. The plan will take effect unless rejected through a permissive referendum process by village residents as outlined in NYS Law.

A single formal hearing for the plan has been established for June 6, 2018 at 6:30 pm at the Spencer-Van Etten Elementary School, 7 Langford St, Van Etten, NY.

The Dissolution Plan recommends that the Village of Van Etten dissolve into the Town of Van Etten effective on December 31, 2018. Services formerly provided by the Village Government including: legislative and administrative services, zoning and enforcement services, street, and park maintenance, cemetery operations, street lighting, and grounds keeping will now be provided by the Town. The Village will continue to pay in monthly installments for refuse and recycling through the end of its contract at the end of 2018. The Town will negotiate a contract for refuse and recycling in the area of the village with a private hauler and make the service available to the residents at the full cost of the service.

A Special Improvement District to be known as the Van Etten Water District will be created and established by the Town to provide water services for Village residents; the district will be self-funded by user fees and existing debt will be the responsibility of water users and residents in the district. Proceeds from the sale of village assets will be placed in a Special Water Reserve Fund for the maintenance of the system and to reduce future costs.

The Town will establish a Special Sidewalk District to maintain and expand the sidewalk network in the area of the village. These activities will be funded by state aid (CHIPS funding) based on an annual application.

The Town will extend its fire protection district to include the Village service area; Fire and EMS services will now be provided by the Town through the existing Community and Fire Rescue department.

All real property, personal property, equipment, and vehicles still owned by the Village will become Town property at the time of dissolution. The Town will assume all staffing and maintenance responsibility now held by the Village. Village laws without analogues in Town law will remain in effect for two years following dissolution, during which time the Town will review the laws and determine if they should maintain them.

Village of Van Etten residents would see an 11% drop in their total property tax rate with the state consolidation incentive (CETC) and Town Residents would see a 4 % drop.

Copies of the detailed final Dissolution Plan are available at the Village of Van Etten Municipal Building, the Town of Van Etten Clerk's Office and the Van Etten Public Library and at [www.cgr.org/van-etten](http://www.cgr.org/van-etten).