

VILLAGE OF SCHUYLERVILLE

STUDY COMMITTEE VILLAGE DISSOLUTION

October 26, 2009

The second meeting of the committee to study village dissolution/consolidation met on Monday, October 26, 2009, 7:00 pm at the Village Municipal Center. Members present were Joan Alheim, Margaret Chiperno, Margaret Ditch, Jean Driscoll, Michael Fay, Michael Hughes, Wendy Lukas, Charles Sherman, Roger Sherman and Robert Stokes. Absent Jim Miers.

Others present were Attorney Ed Bartholomew, village board members, residents from the Village, a representative from the League of Women Voters, and village Clerk/Treasurer Anna M. Welfley recording the minutes.

Trustee and Committee member Charles Sherman called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance at 7:00 pm.

Oath of Office:

The first item on the agenda was recognition of members followed by Clerk/Treasurer Anna Welfley administering the oath of office to all members. All signed the oath of office record book.

Position of Chair and Vice Chair:

Discussion regarding the naming of a chairperson and vice-chairperson began with member Roger Sherman. Several comments and suggestions followed, including members interested in either position could state their qualifications for the committee's consideration, the development of job descriptions, communication with the village office, the need for the committee to be thoughtful in their choice and taking the time to do so. A decision was left open for further discussion before selecting these two positions.

Rules, Procedure and Protocol:

Member Margaret Ditch suggested developing focus groups to address various areas. Member Wendy Lukas would like the committee to consider developing a resident survey. Member Michael Fay offered to use his experience and knowledge to develop a bullet point list for the committee to consider following.

Consultant Selection:

Attorney Ed Bartholomew discussed consultant selection and the process that will occur. Request for Qualifications will go out to four prospective firms including Center for Governmental Research (CGR), Fairweather Consulting, LA Group and Michael Genito of Pace University

The study committee selected two members, Joan Alheim and Jean Driscoll, to represent them at the consultant interview meetings to held by the Board of Trustees. The consultant interviews will be open to the public. The interviews will be scheduled in early December in the early evening hours. Study committee members will be provided with copies of all three proposals for their review and opportunity to provide Joan and Jean with any questions they may have for the consultants.

Other Discussion:

There was some discussion on the various districts that would have to be developed in the event of dissolution, including emergency services, fire district, water district, sewer district and waste disposal.

Member Lukas asked about developing sub committees with people having expertise in an area that are not committee members. Attorney Bartholomew did say that was possible but they would be advisory only and not have voting status.

Attorney Bartholomew advised that a public hearing would need to occur before the final committee report is submitted to the Board, and then the Board of Trustees would need 45 to 60 days before the public vote.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, November 23, 2009 at 7:00 pm, Village Municipal Center, 35 Spring Street, Schuylerville.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Anna M. Welfley
Acting Recording Secretary