

VILLAGE DISINCORPORATION STUDY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

May 18, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Village Manager McClary called the meeting to order at 5:00 Pm

ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

PRESENT: Ford, Lamb, McClary, Papacek

ABSENT: Reighard, Yurgens

OTHERS PRESENT: Mark Amundson, Chief of Police
Harry Stephen, resident

It was determined that a quorum of the Committee was present for the conduct of business.

CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No comments were received from the public.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION BY FORD, SECOND BY LAMB, TO APPROVE THE MEETING AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

Vote: Unanimous

Motion: Carried

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

McClary asked for nominations for Chairperson.

Lamb nominated Papacek for the position of Chairperson. No other nominations were made.

Committee Member Papacek was elected Chairperson by unanimous consent of the Committee. Papacek assumed the Chair.

DISCUSSION ON VILLAGE DISINCORPORATION

The Committee reviewed and discussed at length the relevant provisions of the General Law Village Act regarding the process for disincorporating a village. The consensus of the

Committee is that state law provides two procedural options for Council if a certified petition is submitted to it for consideration: (1) take no action, in which case the question of whether the Village should be disincorporated would be placed on the next special or general election ballot for approval by 2/3 vote of Village electors voting on the question; or (2) adopt a resolution electing to proceed with disincorporation under Section 23 of the Act, in which case a disincorporation commission would be created, a disincorporation plan developed, and election on approval of the disincorporation plan held. Under option 2, a simply majority vote on the disincorporation plan is required. The consensus of the Committee is that Council would need legal counsel to advise it of its options prior to deciding on the process to be followed.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the charge of the Committee as contained in the minutes of the regular meeting of the Village Council held on April 27, 2026. The charge of the Committee is “to investigate and report on Village/Township consolidation by June 30th in support of 2026-2027 Village Council Objective 1.3”. McClary noted that Council Goals and Objectives #1.3 refers to investigating the imbalance between water volume purchased from the Township and sanitary sewerage volume discharged to the COSDS collection and treatment system. The objective does not appear to be relevant to the issue of Village disincorporation. The Committee concurred.

The Committee discussed concerns of some members about the role of the Village in disseminating information to the public should the matter of disincorporation be scheduled for a vote. The Committee concurred that the Village Council and Administration may be able to disseminate neutral, factual information relating to the matter but cannot advocate in favor or against the proposal. Individual Village Council members, however, may be able to take a position provided it is in their personal capacity and not as a Council Member.

MOTION BY MCCLARY, SECOND BY LAMB, TO RECOMMEND TO VILLAGE COUNCIL THAT NO ACTION BE TAKEN BY COUNCIL REGARDING DISINCORPORATION UNLESS OR UNTIL A CERTIFIED PETITION ON DISINCORPORATION IS SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL.

Vote: Unanimous

Motion: Carried

The Committee discussed the absence from the meeting of the two citizen members of the Committee and whether a second meeting should be held for them prior to submitting the Committee’s recommendation to Council. McClary stated that the Council set a deadline of June 30 to complete its work and report to Council. The second Council meeting in June is scheduled for June 22. The Committee would need to have its work done and a recommendation prepared the week prior. McClary also questioned whether the

recommendation of the Committee would be any different after a second meeting given the clear, specific language of State law relating to the disincorporation process and Council's role or options. The consensus of the Committee was to provide the absent members with the meeting minutes and materials distributed at this meeting but not to hold a second meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY FORD, SECOND BY PAPACEK, TO ADJOURN THE COMMITTEE MEETING.

Vote: Unanimous

Motion; Carried

The meeting of the Village Disincorporation Study Committee was adjourned at 6:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Darwin McClary