

Norwood Mayor

Meeting on forming Town of Norwood

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Subject: TON Minutes of 12/14/11

Dear Board Members,

Minutes of 12/14/11 meeting: Please add, correct, etc., as you wish.

Minutes of 11/16/11 meeting were accepted.

Overview of survey results was presented by Sue Bancroft, which showed great support for our effort to determine if establishing a TON would prove beneficial to local residents. Slightly over 400 survey forms were returned of 1025 mailed. This was considered a very good return considering those responding were required to complete the form and deliver to collection point.

DJ Colbert was out of town but submitted a report of the 153 survey results he examined, which showed only three of the 153 opposed to our effort. seven of yes votes want taxes to decrease, three wish to get away from Potsdam, two commented it was a good idea, and two support but wish more facts. The no votes felt plowing and road maintenance would be inadequate, there would not be savings and a waste of money. Questions asked if there would be savings, is it financially viable, is there enough equipment/manpower, legal cost, courts/police service, long term effect, and cost to purchase land from Potsdam/Norfolk, what about joining Norfolk. Most respondents simply checked yes on survey form.

Cheryl Cole and Ann Watson agreed to contact those that had specific questions on survey form. It was agreed the consultant we hire, if grant is successful, will address most comments and questions asked. Tim Levison asked about those that did not return survey and it was agreed the number received was high, higher then percentage that vote in most elections.

Mayor reviewed agreement with Camion Associates. Tracey Sloan questioned, if the agreement included only 13668 in Town of Potsdam and Village of Norwood. The answer was yes, with possible changes in the future. Committee supports agreement as presented.

Howie Maroney presented map of 13668 mail delivery route that sparked questions. It was confirmed, we are not including Norfolk, other then that in village and does not include Town of Stockholm.

Question on what services and funding the Town of Potsdam provides, how much tax revenue is generated for town? This information will be required prior to making final determination on value of forming TON.

A sub-committee charged with determining present situation vs what may be required to service new area, if we move forward will be presented to Norwood Village Board on 12/20, by mayor. Those

named were Tracey Sloan, Matt Rollins, Jack Farnsworth, Roy Garrow, Matt Rollins, Jane Mott, Bruce Konkoski and Steve Markum. If confirmed they will be asked to meet in early spring.

NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED January 18, 2012 at 5P.M., in board room.

Thank you and a Merry Christmas,
Jim