

Village of East Syracuse Police Department

Tax effects of abolishment or merger
With Town of Dewitt along with
Enhanced Services Contract

CSI Tax Force

- Unit of Onondaga County Comptroller's Office
- Analysis provided at no direct cost to Village or Town
- Assist taxpayers in evaluating data, provide independent evaluation of all data
- Provide assistance in understanding tax effects of consolidation and shared services decision
- Provide review of police expenses

The numbers only

- Each taxpayer views this issue differently and will be able to express with his/her vote
- Amount and quality of service for others to discuss
- Future cost increase or other service issues for others to discuss
- What is tax effect of proposed transaction?

The Proposed Transaction

VES Police Department is abolished

TOD Police Department assumes
patrol responsibilities

VES will pay \$400,000 to TOD for
enhanced services contract to
include employees transferring

Property Taxation Rules

- Cost of service divided by taxable property values = rate paid per thousand of property value
- Towns with villages allocate cost to town residents & village residents differently, concept of part-town & town wide
- If VES abolishes PD, then village residents will pay for TOD police coverage

Current Financial Facts & Figures

- VES Police budget cost \$1,255,108
- VES Total Property Tax Levy \$2,480,922
- VES Property Tax Rate \$13.5
- This means value of house (\$100,000) x Rate (13.5 per thousand)= tax due (\$1,350)
- For others take value of house divide by \$1,000 and multiply by rate (13.5)

Future Financial Facts & Figures

- Current Village Taxable Value \$183,772,066
- Next year Village Taxable Value \$187,877,336
- Difference in value can mean a difference in rates and comparing savings

Property Value Difference=4,105,270

On current levy of \$2,480,923 rate difference=
.30 (13.5-13.2)

Audit Role Evaluating VES Police Cost

- Performed specific review of Police Cost
- Analysis of Direct and Indirect Police Cost
- VES Budgeted \$1,255,108, which figure should be used in evaluating rates
- VES Total cost \$1,246,372 but included indirect cost
- Our opinion cost for evaluation is \$1,255,108-
debt of \$44,429=\$1,210,679

Variations

- Comparing old rates and new rates along with reconciliation to TOD can be tedious
- Quick tool is to take variance such as expenditure and divide by both taxable values
- \$100,000 variance on either property value is approximately \$53-\$54 per 100K home (.53-.54)

Dewitt Facts & Figures

- Estimated TOD Police department budget = \$4,848,818. New estimated cost per TOD \$5,269,384 (adds VES Direct Cost \$820,566 less Enhanced Serv. Cont. of \$400,000)
- Charge assessed to Town resident only that live outside village, village residents do not currently pay for this service, but will if merger
- Used 2013 Taxable Values, differences minor

Dewitt Data v County Comptroller Data

- Substantially agree with analysis provided by Dewitt Comptroller.
- Variables include 2012 property values v. 2013 values, assumptions on spending
- Data points taken from Dewitt without review such as TOD police expenses
- TOD did not have our evaluation of direct/indirect VES police cost

Summary of Savings

\$100,000 home is \$249

- VES residents will see increase in town tax of \$212/100K home for TOD police
- VES residents will pay \$400,000 for ESC or rate of \$2.12/1,000 or \$212 on \$100,000 home.
- New village rate based on actual direct cost and 2013 property values is \$8.89 or \$889/100K home.
- $\$889 + 212 = \1101 v $\$1,350 = \249

Summary of Savings Rate/Dollars

- Old Rate 13.5/1,000
- New Rate 8.89/1,000
- Savings $13.5 - 8.89 - 2.12(\text{town}) = 2.49/1000$
- Take your home value/1000 multiply by 2.49 and that is you individual savings
- We believe difference in our calculation and TOD of \$10 in savings is minor and explainable