

Village of Pike Dissolution Plan

DISSOLUTION PLAN OF THE VILLAGE OF PIKE

Adopted by Village Board: February 4th, 2008

Date of Vote: March 18th, 2008

**STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WYOMING
VILLAGE OF PIKE**

PROPOSITION NUMBER 1:

PROPOSITION FOR THE DISSOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF PIKE, DISPOSITION OF VILLAGE PROPERTY, ESTABLISHMENT OF TOWN SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PIKE FIRE DISTRICT.

Shall the Village of Pike be dissolved; shall Village property be disposed of as follows; shall Town of Pike Special Improvement Districts be created to operate certain existing Village Improvements; and shall the Town of Pike establish the Pike Fire District:

- 1.) The Village of Pike will officially dissolve on December 31, 2009.*
- 2.) Following the dissolution of the Village of Pike, the Town of Pike will assume the duties and functions of the Village and continue to provide certain services once provided by the Village. The cost of certain specific services will be met by fees or taxes levied on real property located within the bounds of Special Improvement Districts established by the Town Board as explained in Paragraphs 7, 8, and 9 of this Dissolution Plan.
- 3.) In accordance with Village Law Section 19-1910, all Local Laws, Ordinances, Rules and Regulations of the Village of Pike that are in effect on the date of the dissolution of the Village will be enforced and administered by the Town of Pike for a period of two (2) years from the date of dissolution, unless the Town of Pike deems otherwise. At the end of the two (2) year time period all Local Laws, Ordinances, Rules and Regulations of the Village of Pike will become null and void *unless* the Town Board of the Town of Pike enacts certain Village laws or ordinances as the Town's own laws and ordinances.
- 4.) The Village of Pike's Zoning Law will expire on the date of dissolution as provided by Paragraph 16 of this Dissolution Plan. Following the dissolution vote, the Town of Pike will prepare new zoning regulations that will take effect immediately following the dissolution of the Village.
- 5.) The offices and positions of Mayor, Village Trustees, Public Works Superintendent, Zoning Enforcement Officer, Village Clerk, Water Clerk, Village Historian, Village Attorney, and all other miscellaneous Village positions, shall be abolished upon the dissolution of the Village of Pike.
- 6.) The Town of Pike will hire four current Village employees, which are: 1.) the Village's Water Clerk, 2.) the Village's Water Plant Operator, 3.) the Village's part-time sidewalk maintenance person, and 4.) the Village's water meter reader. These individuals will become paid employees of the Town. The Village's Water Clerk will handle the same tasks for the Town as he/she does for the Village and will work under the direction of the Town Clerk. The Village's Water Plant Operator will continue to

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run the water system and will work under the direction of the Town Highway Superintendent. The part-time maintenance person will perform the same duties for the Town as he/she does for the Village and will work under the direction of the Town Highway Superintendent. The Village's meter reader will perform the same duties for the Town as he/she does for the Village and will work under the direction of the Town Highway Superintendent.

- 7.) The Town Board of the Town of Pike will create and establish by resolution a Special Improvement District to be known as the "Town of Pike Water District" as provided by Section 19-1914 of the Village Law and by Articles 12 and 12-A of the Town Law. The operation of this district will be subject to the decisions of the Town Board. Costs of operating the Water District will be met by user fees levied on real property owners who own land within the Water District's boundaries *and* whose property receives water from the public water system. All of the real property lying within the bounds of the Water District will be subject to the indebtedness of such district, including any outstanding obligations and bonds issued at the time of construction of the public water supply system. All property, facilities, infrastructure, and equipment used by the Village for operating and maintaining the water system will be turned over to the Town at no cost. The boundary of this District will be coterminous with the boundary of the Village with the exception of a length of Telegraph Road between the water treatment plant and the Village boundary (See Map 1: Town of Pike Water District).
- 8.) The Town Board of the Town of Pike will create and establish by resolution a Special Improvement District to be known as the "Town of Pike Lighting District" as provided by Section 19-1914 of the Village Law and by Articles 12 and 12-A of the Town Law. The Town will assume responsibility for maintenance and repair of all streetlights within this District. The operation of this district will be subject to the decisions of the Town Board. Costs of operating the Lighting District will be met by taxes levied on the benefited real property located within the bounds of the Lighting District. The boundary of this District will be coterminous with the boundary of the Village (See Map 2: Town of Pike Lighting District).
- 9.) The Town Board of the Town of Pike will create and establish by resolution a Special Improvement District to be known as the "Town of Pike Sidewalk District" as provided by Section 19-1914 of the Village Law and by Articles 12 and 12-A of the Town Law. The Town will assume responsibility for maintenance and repair of all sidewalks within this District. The operation of this district will be subject to the decisions of the Town Board. Following the dissolution of the Village, the Village will turn over to the Town of Pike, at no cost, all equipment and supplies used by the Village for maintaining, repairing, and clearing snow from sidewalks. Costs of operating the Sidewalk District will be met by taxes levied on the benefited real property located within the bounds of the Sidewalk District. The boundary of this District will be coterminous with the boundary of the Village (See Map 3: Town of Pike Sidewalk District).
- 10.) The Town of Pike will assume any and all outstanding debts and obligations of the Village of Pike. The only debt owed by the Village is for its public water system. In accordance with Village Law Section 19-1912, this debt will be levied on real property that lies within the boundaries of the Pike Water District until it is paid off.
- 11.) Any net savings resulting from the dissolution of the Village of Pike will be used by the Town of Pike to reduce the indebtedness of the former Village of Pike and/or to enhance the services provided by the Town to the former Village through the Town's Special Improvement Districts. Any such savings will not be applied towards services located outside the former Village of Pike.

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- 12.) Prior to the dissolution of the Village, the Town Board of the Town of Pike will create and establish by resolution a Fire District to be known as the “Pike Fire District” encompassing the entire Town of Pike. Following dissolution of the Village, this Fire District will automatically expand to include the area of the former Village. The boundaries of the Fire District will be coterminous with the Town’s boundaries. The costs of operating this Fire District will be met by taxes levied on the benefited real property located within the bounds of the Pike Fire District.
- 13.) Prior to the dissolution of the Village but following the establishment of the Pike Fire District, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Pike will turn over to the Pike Fire District all of the Village’s rights, title, and interest in the Pike Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. All property, buildings, vehicles, and equipment owned by the Village and used by the Pike Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. for the purpose of firefighting will be turned over, at no cost, to the Pike Fire District.
- 14.) Following the dissolution of the Village, the Town of Pike will renegotiate all contracts and agreements currently held between the Village of Pike and the Wyoming County Fair Association. The terms of the contracts and agreements will remain the same unless Town of Pike and Wyoming County Fair Association officials mutually agree to change them. On the date of dissolution, all Village-owned real property, buildings, and equipment used by the Wyoming County Fair Association for the purpose of operating the County Fair will be turned over, at no cost, to the Town of Pike.
- 15.) Following the dissolution of the Village, the Town of Pike will provide garbage and recycling collection services to all real properties located within the former Village through its contract with Wyoming County.
- 16.) Prior to the dissolution of the Village, the Town of Pike will revise and update its Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Law to include coverage of all land located within the Village boundaries. The new Zoning Law will take effect when the Village officially dissolves. The Town will consider instituting a “Hamlet” zoning district that will encompass the former Village and include special regulations that do not apply to rural areas of the Town outside the former Village. This “Hamlet” district will potentially be subdivided into separate commercial and residential areas; the Town Planning Board will oversee the preparation of these new zoning regulations with the aim of having them in place prior to the dissolution of the Village.
- 17.) The Village of Pike will turn over, at no cost, to the Town of Pike all real property and miscellaneous property not specifically disposed of in the preceding paragraphs.

* State Law mandates that a village dissolve on the last day of December in the year following the year in which the dissolution vote is held. Therefore, if the dissolution vote is held in March 2008, the Village will officially dissolve on the last day of the following year, which is December 31, 2009.

AS TO PROPOSITION NO. 1:

Total number of votes recorded in favor of Proposition No. 1:

Total number of votes recorded in opposition to Proposition No. 1:

Total number of spoiled votes:

Total number of votes cast: