

Village of South Dayton Public Hearing
March 25, 2026
South Dayton Fire Hall
7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Killock called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Robert Killock	Present	
Trustee Kevin Butcher	Present	
Trustee Melinda Frederickson	Absent	Present at 7:30 pm
Trustee Joseph Kortz	Present	
Trustee Jenna Tabak	Present	
Clerk/Treasurer Barbara Scott	Present	

Mayor Killock introduced the Steering Committee: Bob Astry, Dave Kohler, Joe Kortz, Rob Killock.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Killock opened the Public Hearing and stated the purpose of the meeting was for people to learn more about the Village's Dissolution Plan, and to answer questions and hear comments on the Dissolution Study. Killock stated there would be a 3-minute limit for each question, a 3-minute limit for each response, and a level of decorum would be expected. Killock asked people to save their questions until the end, and he said that people who had indicated on the sign in sheet that they wanted to speak would be first, with others following.

Mayor Killock introduced Center for Governmental Research (CGR) representatives who were in attendance: Paul Bishop, Alice Carle, Alina Santiago.

Mayor Killock stated when a referendum is scheduled, only registered voters who reside in the Village will be eligible to vote. The vote will be basic. Dissolve yes or no.

Alice Carle (CGR) began a power point presentation. She explained CGR is an independent research and consulting firm in Rochester. CGR developed a plan for possible dissolution of the Village of South Dayton, following New York State Municipal Law 17A, to determine what would happen if the Village dissolved. They looked at Village inventories, talked to Village and Town department heads and staff, and analyzed financials. After compiling information, CGR created a Baseline Report. CGR worked with the Steering Committee to develop a timeline for the dissolution plan. The Village Board endorsed the dissolution plan at the February 2026 monthly Board Meeting, and the Public Hearing was scheduled for March 25, 2026. At the monthly Board Meeting scheduled for April 8, 2026, the Village Board will vote whether or not to adopt the dissolution plan. If the plan is adopted, a referendum will be scheduled for June 9, 2026. If residents vote in favor of dissolving the Village, the Village will dissolve May 31, 2027.

Alice Carle introduced Paul Bishop (CGR). Bishop explained the dissolution plan format followed State law for possible dissolution. He explained how Town residents wanted to create a Village in 1915 to provide services the Town wasn't allowed to offer at that time. The Village was created as a general-purpose district, with the Village Board making all the decisions. Residents pay taxes for services provided, and payments made for water and sewer service are considered enterprise funds. In the 1940's, New York State law changed and Towns became eligible to offer services that only villages could provide previously. If the Village of South Dayton dissolves, the Post Office will not change, road names will not change. The sign that says "Village of South Dayton" will change to "Hamlet of South Dayton". Hamlet is a name of an area.

Paul Bishop continued with the power point presentation and made the following comments:

Municipal Services – The governance will change. The Village Board will dissolve. Town Board and Supervisor will be in charge. Water and sewer pipes and trunk lines will remain. Town will manage through water and sewer districts. Rates will likely go up. Estimating number of hours the clerks spend working on water sewer. Their current salaries come from the General Fund. Water sewer debt will be paid by users of the water sewer services.

Road and Municipal Services – Town will continue to maintain. Town will provide services for mowing, Depot, Gazebo, Playground, Sidewalk district. Minimal tax to maintain. Lighting district for Village. All services residents for in Property Taxes now.

Refuse and Yard Waste – Town will not want to do trash pickup. Yard waste pick up will not be available from the Town. Village service you pay for today will go away.

Code Enforcement and Zoning – Town would provide Code Enforcement, and establish zoning.

Clerk//Treasurer – Duties will be split between Town Office and Water Sewer district. Can't promise Town will hire Barb Scott or other staff.

Village Court – Town Court will assume all justice court buildings and proceedings.

Library, Depot, Playground, Gazebo – Town will maintain according to existing Village principles. Dedicated funds for these will be managed by the Town.

Special Districts - Water, Sewer, Sidewalk, Lighting. A Village vote to dissolve is a vote to create districts.

What happens to Village's stuff? Village has control until 5/31/27 and then all will be transferred to the Town. The Village Board has not indicated they want to sell any property at this time.

Any fund balances will transfer to the Town. Designated funds will remain. Town obligated to manage them.

Town will assume all staffing possibilities.

The Village doesn't have to wait until May 2027 for some things. Water Sewer. Town can begin sooner.

Village laws remain in effect for 2 years following dissolution. No companion laws. Town decides to maintain or remove Village laws.

Liabilities and Debts – Other than Water and Sewer project debts, there are no liabilities that would become a problem for the Town. Water and Sewer project debts will be passed to the Town, and will be paid by Water and Sewer District customers.

Stormwater and ZEV Charging Stations – Both Revenue Anticipation Notes (grants) should be resolved by time of dissolution.

How we did our work. Compared 2025 Town Budget and 2025-2026 Village Budget. Numbers will change. According to our calculations, rates will change from \$18.40 per thousand to \$5.00 per thousand. Dropping \$13.00 per thousand. Some services go away. NYS has an incentive to encourage Village's to dissolve. Citizens Empowerment Tax Credit. 15% of combined property tax levy of Town General and Highway funds and Village General Fund. New York State gives the Town the CETC money as an addition to their State AIM annually. Towns are required to use 70% of CETC to reduce property taxes. Our models used 100%. Village residents will see 33% water sewer increase, have to get their own refuse services. Would still see a savings of \$100 per year. If budget goes up, there would be a higher savings. School and Fire District taxes were not included because they are not part of Village operations.

Alice Carle's email and the web site for the dissolution study are:
acarle@cgr.org www.cgr.org/southdayton study

Paul Bishop concluded his power point presentation and asked for questions. He said CGR will prepare a summary of the questions raised at the meeting (FAQ's) and responses will be posted on the dissolution website.

Questions, Comments, Concerns

Responses from CGR, Village of South Dayton, Town of Dayton summarized in red.

Scott Kerr - Lighting District. Sidewalk maintenance, plowing. Depot, Gazebo, Playground maintenance and lawn mowing. NYS Endowment – CETC. **The Town would maintain. CETC is from New York State. Considered the same as AIM and CHIPS. No expectation funding will stop.**

Spartan Claiborne – Seems study was biased and insinuated Village was dissolving. Village laws will remain for 2 years. Financial impact tax burden. Average water sewer savings. **Study was based on information provided from the Town and Village. Water Sewer rates will increase even if the Village doesn't dissolve.**

Larry Zollinger – Village residents can run for the Town Board. **Village residents have a voice. They are part of the Town.**

Kathy Stoltenberg – Water sewer taxes will go to the Town? **Yes.** Property taxes will go to the Town (assessed by County)? **Yes.** Fire Department? **Fire Department operates on its own and will stay as is.**

Ellsworth Textor – What is the downside if we don't dissolve? Will we have to pay costs again in 4 years if the Village doesn't dissolve? **Yes there would be similar costs.**

Timmie Stockman – Why weren't the residents informed the Village was considering dissolution? **Notices of the Public Hearing were posted and mailed. The Board approved the dissolution plan at the February Board Meeting.** Why wasn't there notice to residents before this? **The dissolution plan has been discussed at monthly Board Meetings for several months. People should attend board meetings or read the meeting minutes online.**

Steve Szymanski – Is the Village solvent now? **Yes.** You can cut out trash.

(Unknown) - How will dissolution affect property tax escrow? **Assessments are done by the Town and County. There will be adjustments at first.**

Ray Hadley – If Board adopts the plan, will another letter go to residents about the vote? **Yes and meeting notices will be posted once a week for four weeks before the vote.**

Mayor Killock – The Town has 3 plows. Village has one plow that needs repair and two pickups. A new plow is \$250,000. Payments would be \$25,000 a year on a 10-year note.

(Unknown) – Does any part of the process require a second public hearing? **No.**

(Unknown) - Water Sewer increase? **The water sewer debt load would be given to each user.**

Lynn Rupp - Water Sewer – Would Town need one person or two people? **Town's decision. Must be licensed.** Trees. **Village has to be notified to remove a tree. In right of way, Village has right to remove. Town would decide if they will pay to remove a tree.**

Karen Strickland – Absentee ballot? **This is a NYS election so absentee ballots can be used.** What staff would be needed for Water Sewer? **Water Sewer Operator is currently Part Time and DPW helps with maintenance. Town may need full time employees.**

Karen Senn - Code Enforcement Office – Does Town have an active Code Officer? **Yes.**

Ray Hadley – Tim Stockman, why did they do this? The Village Board represents the people. Let them know what your opinion is. Attend meetings.

Spartan Claiborne – April 8 – What if plan not adopted? **Board could wait up to a year to adopt the plan from Public Hearing.**

Steve Pollock – Water Sewer is one of the biggest services provided to Village residents. Does the Town want the Village? **Yes. The Village is already considered part of the Town.**

Timmie Stockman – In my opinion, there is nothing to gain by dissolving, and everything to lose.

Paul Bishop – Correction to a previous statement. Village has 180 days to decide whether to adopt the plan. Must Hold the referendum between 60 and 90 days after decision,

Ray Hadley – Is that 180 days from tomorrow? **Yes.**

Lynn Rupp – The Town and Village both have DPW buildings. **Water Sewer will probably be at the DPW in the Village.**

Scott Kerr – Do you have to publish any revisions to the plan? **Yes. It would be good practice.**

Kevin Butcher – Sidewalk district. What would be covered? **The Town would decide.**

Karen Strickland – Gross Utilities can only be charged by Villages and Cities. **Good catch. Towns cannot charge gross utilities on property taxes.**

Joe Kortz – I am on the fence about the dissolution. We should have representatives from the Village on the Town Board.

Heather Kerr – Why couldn't they take a representative from the Village and put that person on the Town Board? **The Town and Village are too small to have precinct representatives.**

David Kohler – Tim Stockman, your comments were hurtful. My wife and I are Town residents, and we have supported activities in the Village for many years. There is currently one Village resident on the Town Board. Village residents can run for Town offices.

Karen Strickland – The Depot is not listed on the Village property list. We will review to determine why the Depot is not listed.

Timmie Stockman – How bad will it be if we don't dissolve?

Jenna Tabak – Original budget was \$50,000 for this study. Not \$83,000.00. The total includes all expenses of combining (audits, legal, etc).

Paul Bishop asked if there were any other questions. There were none.

NEXT VILLAGE MEETING

Mayor Killock announced the next scheduled meeting is Wednesday, April 8, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Village Library. This will be a Public Hearing to discuss the tentative budget for 2026 – 2027, followed by the monthly Board Meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Killock asked for a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Trustee Butcher made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Trustee Tabak seconded the motion. AYE 5. NAY 0. Carried.

The Public Hearing adjourned at 8:51 pm.

Barbara L. Scott
Clerk of Board