

PLAN FOR DISSOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF SPECULATOR

**DISPOSITION OF VILLAGE PROPERTY, PROVISION FOR VILLAGE DEBTS
AND TAXES AND ESTABLISHMENT OF IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS**

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A. Overview

New York State (NYS) Law mandates two governmental units, town and county government. Villages and cities, which are formed by corporate charters, may choose to go out of existence. Typically a village incorporated because town residents desired additional services in the area of the village that the town was unable or unwilling to provide. NYS residents can form a village, a type of multi-purpose district, to tax and govern them even though they remain town residents. If the residents of a village determine that it is no longer necessary or desirable to continue to function as a village, then the village may be dissolved. At dissolution, the residents of the village are residents of the town only, eligible for all town benefits and services.

B. History

In 1925, residents of the Town of Lake Pleasant were interested in having water and electric services for their commercial businesses. They incorporated as the Village of Speculator in order to develop these services, and over time, the Village became quite prosperous. In recent years, the economy has changed, local business has declined, and the population has dwindled. The community is in transition as more people from out of town purchase second homes and local year-round residents increasingly rely on tourism as the area's primary economic base. Prompted by concerns about increasing property taxes, local government regulations and efficiency, Village of Speculator residents presented a petition regarding dissolution to the Board of Trustees in 2006. Enough signatures were gathered to trigger a state requirement that the Village study the issue and take it to a vote. Based upon that petition, the Village Board of Trustees set a target of presenting a dissolution referendum to the eligible voters in the Village of Speculator at the regularly scheduled election on March 18, 2008, to vote on whether or not the incorporated Village of Speculator shall continue to operate as a village, or should cease to exist through approval of the following plan of dissolution.

In order to study the issue of dissolution, the Village of Speculator engaged the Center for Governmental Research (CGR), a non-profit consulting group based in Rochester, NY, to review options for shared services as well as consolidation between the Village and the Town, and to assist with developing a dissolution plan as required by Section 19-1903 of the Village Law. A separate section of Village Law, Section 19-1901, requires that the Board of Trustees create a dissolution study committee with representatives from the Town and Village to develop the dissolution plan. CGR worked with the dissolution study committee to develop this plan.

C. Plan

This document sets forth, in detail, the plan of dissolution of the Village of Speculator as developed and approved by the dissolution study committee. This plan will be presented by the committee to the Village Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees will then adopt a plan, which will then be the plan for dissolution that will be presented to the voters.

Since this plan was developed and approved by the dissolution committee, the committee believes that the findings and suggestions contained herein are consistent with the goals of the Town of Lake Pleasant. However, the services and functions and transfer of employees to the town as described in Sections G and H of the plan have not been contractually agreed to by the town as of the date of this plan. Therefore, the Town Board may, subsequent to adoption of this plan by the Village Board of Trustees, determine that certain elements of the plan should be modified in order to meet the best interests of the town as a whole, within the requirements of town, state and federal law. State law governs much of what will occur if the village dissolved. For example, any transition pertaining to village personnel will occur upon the official date of dissolution and no other changes can be made for a minimum of two years. In addition, all current laws of the Village remain in effect for two years before the Town Board can vote to amend them.

For a referendum for dissolution to pass, it must be approved by a majority of the qualified electors of a village. Such village shall then be dissolved as of the 31st day of December in the year following the year of the election. Therefore, if Village of Speculator voters approve the plan for dissolution in the election to be held on March 18, 2008, the Village of Speculator shall dissolve as of December 31, 2009. If the referendum is defeated, the Village shall continue and no other proposition for dissolution can be submitted within two years of the date of the referendum.

Services

Villages provide services or functions on a village-wide basis, while towns typically provide some services town-wide and other services on a district-wide basis. Towns can create special districts, which are governmental units providing a specific service, such as water, sewer, sidewalks or libraries. Only the residents of a special district pay for the specified service, and all who are in the district benefit from the service. Each district has its own separate budget and levy for tax collection (or collection of user fees), and is typically governed by the Town Board.

At present, the Village of Speculator provides a number of services and functions, which will be handled as described later in this plan.

D. Intent

In devising this plan of dissolution, it is the intent of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Speculator to dispose of all properties, personal property and fixed assets (see Sections E and F),

provide for the continuation of Village services (see Section G), provide for the future employment and benefits of Village employees (see Section H), provide for future benefits for retired employees (see Section I), identify employee positions that will be eliminated (see section J), continue specific local laws, ordinances, and resolutions in existence as provided by law (see Section K), and make provisions for the existing Village debt and obligations (see Section L). In addition, the plan will detail the impact of recurring obligations (see Section M), what will happen to the Village books and records (see Section N), how Village revenues will be handled (see Section O), and detail the projected combined expenses and tax implications of a combined Town and Village entity (see Sections P and Q and Appendix B and D). This plan has been developed with the expectation that upon the dissolution of the Village the succeeding Town government will provide for and comply with the plan as set forth in this document.

E. Village Real Property

Unless otherwise provided for in this plan, all real property improved or not improved shall become the property of the Town of Lake Pleasant. The Town of Lake Pleasant shall take title to the Village real property with the understanding that the Town shall honor all existing leases, agreements, or other arrangements between the Village and lessees of other users of Village property.

Real property transferred to the Town shall be done without consideration¹ and the Town shall, at its option, prepare any and all deeds for the Village to execute prior to the date of dissolution.

Specifically:

- 1) The Village Hall located on Elm Lake Road, Speculator, shall become the property of the Town of Lake Pleasant (parcel 113.041-1-3).
- 2) Real property owned by the Village and used as park land, recreational land, or recreational facilities shall continue to be used for such purposes, and shall become the property of the Town of Lake Pleasant. The land and property included in the 2007 Village of Speculator Assessment Roll as categories “313 Waterfront Vacant” or “963 Municipal Park” are:
 - Public Beach on NYS Routes 8 & 30 (Parcel 113.049-2-1)
 - Park on NYS Routes 8 & 30 (Parcel 113.049-2-2.220)

The cost of maintaining park land, recreational land, and recreational facilities shall be a Town-wide charge and all residents of the Town shall have access to the areas involved.

- 3) All real property, whether within the Village or outside the Village and improved or not, which the Village used and owned as a part of its sewer system or water supply system,

¹ “Without Consideration” means a complete transfer of Village property to the Town without cost to the .

including rights-of-ways for mains, laterals, etc. and for treatment, storage, or other uses shall become the property of the Town of Lake Pleasant and used by the Town or by a special district acting on behalf of the Town to continue the function of water and sewer service. The land and property included in the 2007 Village of Speculator Assessment Roll as “853 Sewage” or “822 Water Supply” are:

- Sewer Treatment Plant (2.8 acres, Parcel 113.041-2-3.100)
 - Chlorinating Plant (.35 acres, Parcel 113.041-3-9.100)
 - Pumping Station (< 1 acre, Parcel 113.049-1-2)
 - Pumping Station 2 (< 1 acre, Parcel 113.048-3-13)
 - Water Supply Tank (2.9 acres, Parcel 113.006-1-42.200)
4. All real property, which the Village used and owned as a part of its highway services shall become the property of the Town of Lake Pleasant and used by the Town to continue the function of Highway Department services. The land and property included in the 2007 Village of Speculator Assessment Roll under the “650 Government” category is:
- Village Garage (9.5 acres, Parcel 105.000-2-7)
5. All fire protection property, both real and personal, owned by the Village of Speculator, shall become the property of the Town of Lake Pleasant. The Town will in turn make available all real and personal property to a newly established Fire Protection District managed by the existing volunteer fire department currently operating on behalf of the Village of Speculator. The district will be created upon dissolution. The following parcel was also listed as “650 Government” on the 2007 Village of Speculator Assessment Roll:
- Park & Fire Hall (13.9 acres, Parcel 113.041-2-5)
6. All property used as a roadway, streets, or sidewalks, whether owned by the Village in fee or by user, shall become the property of the Town of Lake Pleasant and the Town shall continue these roads, streets, and highways so long as they are needed by the public. As of the 2007 Village of Speculator Assessment Roll, there were no parcels listed as “692 Road/str/hwy”.
7. All residential vacant land owned by the Village of Speculator shall become the property of the Town of Lake Pleasant. The land and property included in the 2007 Village of Speculator Assessment Roll as “311 Res Vac land” or “330 Vacant Comm” are:
- Well House (8.3 acres, Parcel 105.000-2-8.200)
 - Sludge Application Site (12 acres, Parcel 113.000-5-1)

8. All additional real property owned by the Village of Speculator shall become the property of the Town of Lake Pleasant, consisting of the following parcel:
 - (695 Cemetery) Village Cemetery (2.1 acres, Parcel 113.032-2-7.100)

F. Personal Property and Fixed Assets

Personal property owned by the Village of Speculator at the time of dissolution shall become the property of the Town of Lake Pleasant. Personal property as used in this section shall mean and include office equipment, furniture, motor vehicles, tools, parts inventory, furniture and any other item commonly considered to be personal property. (See Appendix C for list of fixed assets.)

G. Services and Functions

The following are the major services and functions provided by the Village of Speculator, and the plan for continuation of such services under the Town.

- 1) The Village Board of Trustees will be eliminated. The Town Board will continue under its current structure and pay scale. Town Board members will receive \$2123.62 annually. The board member who serves as deputy supervisor will receive an additional \$928.38.
- 2) The Village Mayor position will be eliminated. The Town Supervisor position will continue at its current status including salary and benefits.
- 3) The Village Clerk-Treasurer and Deputy Clerk functions will be eliminated. The Town Budget and Payroll staff and the elected Town Clerk and her staff will assume all functions of the previous Village staff. The Town will hire the current Village Clerk/Treasurer to accommodate the increase in responsibilities, for a total of one full-time equivalent (FTE) Town Clerk and one full-time equivalent Deputy Town Clerk. There will be no change in Town staffing currently in place.
- 4) The Town Tax Collector will continue in this Town-wide role with support provided by the new FTE position of Deputy Town Clerk.
- 5) The Town Assessor currently serves the village, and there will be no change in this role.
- 6) The Village Attorney position will be eliminated. The Town Attorney will take on all legal responsibilities Town-wide. The Town Attorney will be allocated roughly 6% more in combined resources in order to accommodate the increase in responsibilities. (Note: This percentage does not include any subsequent costs of litigation if voters approve dissolution of the Village.)
- 7) Streets, highways, roads, alleys, sidewalks, etc. of the Village shall be included in the Town highway and road system and shall be operated and maintained by the Town on a

Town-wide basis. The costs of the merged Village and Town functions will result in the same level of costs.

- 8) As of 2007, Street lighting at the Town level was provided in the Town Outside of Village Fund (B-Fund) while the Village was responsible for their own street lighting costs in the village general budget. The street lighting costs currently in the Village budget will be absorbed by the Town as a town-wide expense (A-Fund) and the Town Outside of Village expenses will be reabsorbed as a town-wide function (A-Fund). Operation, maintenance and repair, and capital improvements will be provided by the Town.
- 9) The Town will establish Water and Sewer Districts (two separate) as provided by Article 12 of the NYS Town Law. The Town Board shall assume the responsibilities of the new Water and Sewer Districts for maintenance and repair of all existing water and sewer lines within the existing Village of Speculator. The boundaries of the Water and Sewer Districts shall be the boundaries of the existing Village of Speculator. Costs for the Water and Sewer Districts shall be met by user fees. Existing water debt interest being paid ad valorem through the Village General Fund will revert to the Water District users and be paid for through the user fees. Existing debt for the sewer will become the responsibility of the newly formed Sewer District and will be paid through user fees. It is expected that water rates will increase in line with a previous study² that outlined new water rates with a minimum charge of \$11.50/month and a user charge of \$5.25/1000gal. These rates would allow the water to “break even,” since the interest on the debt would be factored into the water budget. Sewer rates may have to change based upon new debt, but it is unknown at this time what the new debt schedule will be and thus no estimation of new rates has been, nor can be, determined.
- 10) A new Refuse District shall be created and established as provided by Article 12 of Town Law. The Refuse District shall be responsible for fulfilling the refuse and garbage collection duties and obligations of the Village of Speculator and the Town of Lake Pleasant. The boundaries of the Refuse and Garbage District shall combine the existing Town service area with the boundaries of the existing Village service area. Costs to the Refuse and Garbage District shall be met by user fees. (Note: properties within the Village, if not currently receiving Village garbage services, would not be part of the Refuse and Garbage District, and thus not subject to user fees.)
- 11) A new Fire Protection District shall be created and established as provided by Article 12 of Town Law. All fire costs will be removed from the Village General Budget and put into the new Fire Protection District budget. The boundaries will consist of the current boundaries of the Village of Speculator. All existing associated debt for the current fire

² Proposed Water Rates Scenario 1, completed May 4, 2006, by consultant Carl Brown

services within the village will be borne ad valorem³ by residents within the current Village boundaries as a charge in the newly formed fire protection district. All Village-owned equipment will become the property of the Town which will then make it available through sale at a discount to whatever organization the Town contracts with to provide fire services within the newly created district. The Village of Speculator has a volunteer fire department and it is anticipated that this fire department will incorporate and take on the contract to provide fire services to the new Fire Protection District covering the boundaries of the current Village of Speculator. Provision will be made for LOSAP⁴ to increase for current Village volunteer firemen such that their LOSAP will be equivalent with what the Town is currently paying its volunteer firemen. The result is that there will be two fire protection districts within the Town of Lake Pleasant.

- 12) All costs associated with the Parks and Recreation, including adult and youth programming, will be assumed by the Town except for personnel costs. It is anticipated that the maintenance of the parks can be absorbed by the Town Highway Department under the current staffing. In the current Village budget, Village DPW workers spend the equivalent of 1 FT person's hours throughout the year related to maintenance and upkeep of the Parks and Recreation Centers. Thus, it is anticipated that 1 FTE staff person would not be needed.
- 13) The Town Assessor will continue in her duties as the Village code enforcement officer by serving as the Town-wide code enforcement and safety inspections officer. There will be no increase in her pay; however, she will continue to receive an amount equivalent to her current combined salary.
- 14) The Town will undertake, within two years of the dissolution of the Village, a Town planning study to determine appropriate zoning Town-wide that incorporates the special needs of the area formerly within the Village boundaries. The current zoning officer for the Village will not transition to the Town staff and his function will be absorbed by the Town zoning officer at a salary equivalent to the combined amount paid by the Village and the Town for this function.
- 15) The Village Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals will cease to exist.
- 16) There will be no change in the functioning of the library.

H. Village Employees

Section 70 of NYS Civil Service Law, paragraph 2, deals with the transfer of personnel upon transfer of function. "Upon the transfer of a function ... (c) from one civil division of the state to another civil division of the state...provision shall be made for the transfer of necessary

³ Through a taxation rate proportionate to the value of the services used

⁴ LOSAP: Length of Service Award Program – A "fringe benefit" for volunteer firemen

officers and employees who are substantially engaged in the performance of the function to be transferred. As soon as practicable after the adoption of a law, rule, order, or other action directing such a transfer of function, but not less than 20 days prior to the effective date of such a transfer, the head of the department or agency from which such function is to be transferred shall be transferred a list of the names and titles of those employees substantially engaged in the performance of the function to be transferred...Any employee of the department or agency from which such function is to be transferred may, prior to the effective date of such transfer, protest his or her inclusion in or exclusion from such list by giving notice of such protest in writing addressed to the heads of the respective departments or agencies from which and to which transfer is to be made, which notice shall state the reasons for the protest..."

For those employees who are transferred, the law goes on to say: "Officers and employees so transferred shall be transferred without further examination of qualification, and shall retain their respective civil service classifications and status....All officers and employees so transferred shall, thereafter, be subject to the rules of the civil service commission having jurisdiction over the agency to which transfer is made...Officers and employees transferred to another governmental jurisdiction pursuant to the provisions of this subdivision shall be entitled to full seniority credit for all purposes for service rendered prior to such transfer in the governmental jurisdiction from which transfer is made." The law includes additional information on the transfer of unused vacation, annual leave, and sick leave: "[the officer ..having authority to adopt provisions governing vacation or annual leave and sick leave applicable to the department or agency to which transfer is made may...allow employees transferred hereunder credit for all or part of the unused vacation or annual leave and sick leave standing to their credit at the time of transfer, as may be determined equitable, but not in excess of the maximum accumulation permitted in the jurisdiction to which transfer is made." (Note: The full law is attached for reference in the Appendix F.)

It is anticipated that when the Town Board reorganizes and takes over the duties and responsibilities for the services formerly provided by the Village, that any existing employees will be transferred in accordance with Section 70, paragraph 2 of the Civil Service Law.

Upon the date of dissolution, employees in the Village Department of Public Works will be invited to join the Town staff (with the exception of the 1 FTE position described in section G-12). Village employees will become Town employees at the current Village pay scale. During the first year following the date of dissolution, they shall receive salary and benefit adjustments afforded to Town employees per Town employment policy. In addition, during this time the ex-Village employee's titles, wages/salaries and benefits will be integrated into a unified Town employee schedule. The Town will place former Village employees into the classification that most closely fits their former title, but not necessarily their former wage. The Town board will address selected employees with special qualifications higher than those available in the Town classifications by creating new positions with appropriate salaries (this will apply to DPW employees only). Any accrued vacation/sick/personal time that exceeds the current Town

maximum limit will be bought out as of the day of dissolution and recorded as a debt against the former Village. This amount will then be levied against the residents of the former Village.

I. Retired Employees

At present the Village has former Village 3 former employees who are retired (and their widows/widowers) who are participating in the New York State Retirement System, and/or who are receiving benefits from the Village through participation in the Village’s health insurance individual or family plan coverage. At present Village employees are offered this same benefit when they retire. It is the intent of this dissolution plan not to diminish any of the benefits that retired employees now have or may anticipate upon retirement.

J. Employees Not Covered by the Dissolution Plan

It is expected and anticipated that all other Village officers and employees shall be terminated upon the dissolution of the Village. These shall include the Board of Trustees, Village Attorney, and Deputy Village Clerk-Treasurer.

K. Village Laws

All local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations of the Village of Speculator in effect on the date of dissolution of the Village, including but not limited to the zoning ordinance of the Village of Speculator, shall remain in effect for a period of two years following the dissolution. These may be enforced by the Town Board within the limits of the dissolved Village. After the period of two years, the Town Board shall have the power at any time to amend or repeal such local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations.

The following current Village laws will not become part of Town law:

	Year	Law	Title of Law	Date Enacted
➤	1974	3	GROSS UTILITIES TAX	9/30/1974
➤	1978	1	ESTABLISH PUBLICITY FUND	6/8/1978
➤	1987	2	TERMINATION OF VILLAGE AS ASSESSING UNIT	11/12/1987
➤	1989	1	ABOLISH VILLAGE JUSTICE	Mar-89
➤	1995	1	RETIREMENT INCENTIVE	9/5/1995
➤	1996	1	RETIREMENT INCENTIVE	6/19/1996
➤	1997	1	RETIREMENT INCENTIVE	7/2/1997
➤	1998	1	RETIREMENT INCENTIVE	8/31/1998
➤	2002	3	RETIREMENT INCENTIVE	8/30/2002
➤	2004	3	INCREASE IN SIZE OF PLANNING BOARD	8/16/2004

The following current Village laws will be re-written as Town laws, but with no additional substantive revision:

	Year	Law	Title of Law	Date Enacted
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➤	1970	2	REGULATING GARBAGE	7/24/1970
➤	1975	1	INSPECTION/COPYING OF RECORDS	1/22/1975
➤	1977	2	ENV. QUALITY REVIEW ACT	4/25/1977
➤	1980	2	PLACEMENT OF TENTS/MOBILE HOMES	Oct-80
➤	1985	2	NOTICE OF DEFECT	Mar-85
➤	1989	2	FLOOD DAMAGE PREVENTION	8/28/1989
➤	1993	2	SENIOR EXEMPTION - SLIDING SCALE	9/20/1993
➤	1994	1	PROHIBIT DISCRIMINATION	6/20/1994
➤	1994	2	METER LAW	10/6/1994
➤	2002	1	WELLHEAD PROTECTION PLAN	8/30/2002
➤	2002	2	AQUATIC PRESERVATION DISTRICT	8/30/2002
➤	2003	1	REGULATING USE OF ACCESSORY BLDGS	7/22/2003
➤	2003	2	RECREATIONAL CAMPSITE	7/22/2003
➤	2003	3	ATV'S	11/7/2003
➤	2004	1	SPEED LIMITS	2/2/2004
➤	2004	2	VETERANS EXEMPTION	8/16/2004
➤	2005	1	NO PARKING FIRE LANES	4/29/2005
➤	2005	2	NO SNOWMOBILES AMBULANCE PROPERTY	4/29/2005
➤	2005	3	SEWER USE	2/3/2006
➤	2005	4	SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	2/3/2006

The following current Village laws will be re-written as Town laws, with additional substantive revision:

	Year	Law	Title of Law	Date Enacted
➤	1972	1	TO MAKE TAXABLE CERTAIN EXEMPT ORGS	Jul-72
➤	1990	1	REGULATE SNOWMOBILES	10/22/1990
➤	1991	1	SCHEDULE OF SEWER RATES	Aug-91
➤	2000	1	UNSAFE BUILDINGS	8/30/2000
➤	2001	2	FIRE AND BUILDING CODE ENFORCEMENT	12/3/2001

The following current Village law will require substantive consideration before a decision can be made regarding how to integrate it with Town law. This will likely involve the establishment of a separate task force to review the existing land use codes of the Town and Village to determine how best to redefine them into a single comprehensive master plan. The task force's work may occur over several years.

	Year	Law	Title of Law	Date Enacted
➤	2001	1	LAND USE CODE	3/23/2001

L. Village Debt

The outstanding debts and obligations of the Village of Speculator shall be assumed by the Town of Lake Pleasant and shall be a charge upon the taxable real property located within the boundaries of the existing Village of Speculator and collected in the same manner as Town taxes. The status of the largest outstanding debts of the Village as of January, 2008 are:

- Water Department debt outstanding of \$776,000.
- Sewer Department debt for original sewer installation outstanding at \$20,000.
- Sewer upgrades. Village owes \$149,042 as the balance due on a \$300,000 no interest loan granted as a hardship case. The loan is scheduled to be paid in full by 2015.
- Sewer upgrades. The Village will have a new sewer debt in 2008 for \$1.35 million payable over 20 years.
- The Village has Fire Department-related debt outstanding for \$74,551, which is scheduled to be paid off in 2015.
- As of May 31, 2006, the Village Fund Balance was \$235,098. Upon the date of dissolution any liquid portion of this fund balance will be used to pay down existing debt obligations.

M. Recurring Obligations

Currently the Village has no recurring obligations that should be considered as part of this dissolution plan. In October 2007, the Village was granted receivership for Oak Mountain Ski Resort with an agreement to operate it for one winter through April 1, 2008. No provision is made for operation or ongoing control beyond that date. The Village has received a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) in the past associated with Oak Mountain, but has not received it in recent years and does not anticipate receiving it in the future.

N. Village Books and Records

Upon dissolution of the Village all its records, books and papers shall be deposited with the Town Clerk and they shall thereafter become part of the Town records.

O. Change in Revenues

Upon dissolution, three state sources of Village revenue—state aid, Consolidated Highway Improvement Program (CHIPs) funding, and the mortgage tax—would become Town revenues as would State Tax Relief (STAR) revenues as described below. The Utility Gross Receipts and any Telephone Commissions now received by the Village would not be received by the Town if the Village dissolved.

State Aid – Revenue Sharing (AIM): Section 54 of the state finance law outlines the state revenue sharing program. Subdivision 10 details the program known as Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM) which replaced in 2006 the previous approach to revenue sharing in the case of dissolution or consolidation. The current provision (AIM) allows the remaining municipality to receive the full amount of aid that the dissolved entity received. Thus, the remaining entity receives the combined total in state aid that both municipalities were receiving separately. In order to encourage local municipalities to consolidate, a further provision will increase the combined state aid that they receive by 25% in perpetuity. The Town of Lake Pleasant will receive 125% of the combined Village and Town state aid in the year following dissolution (and every year thereafter) based upon the formula used to calculate AIM. For 2006, this would have meant an increase of \$1,474 to the Town.

CHIPS: The Town of Lake Pleasant will receive no less in CHIPS funding than the Village and Town would have received in total had the dissolution not occurred. Furthermore, if the Village of Speculator has any CHIPS capital balance on the date that the dissolution becomes effective, the CHIPS capital balance will transfer in total to the Town of Lake Pleasant and will be available for any highway-related capital projects that will fall within the jurisdiction of the Town.

State Mortgage Tax: The mortgage tax revenue currently received by the Village of Speculator will go to the Town of Lake Pleasant if the Village dissolves.

Utility Gross Receipts and Telephone Commissions: Under state law these Village revenues become Town revenues for two years following dissolution of a Village, but are discontinued after year two (2006 Actual Village Utility Gross Receipts - \$9,182)⁵.

STAR revenues: Because these revenues are based on parcels, this revenue would become a Town revenue if the Village were to dissolve.

A complete list of revenues for the current Village and Town governments, as well as for a merged government have been estimated and are detailed in the Appendix A.

P. Change in Expenses

Changes in expenses for all functions of the current Village and Town governments have been estimated and detailed in the Appendix B.

Q. Estimated Tax Impact

Changes in the tax rate and a tax bill for a home with an assessed value at \$100,000 for all functions of the current Village and Town governments have been estimated. (See Appendix D).

⁵ The Village did not have any Telephone Commission revenue as of 2006 Financials

APPENDIX

All estimates and projections on the tables in this appendix are based on the Fiscal Year 2006 actual expenses of the two municipalities.

Appendix A

Actual Revenues, Combined and Projected Revenues
for the Village of Speculator for (FY 2005-06)
and the Town of Lake Pleasant (FY 2006)

Appendix B

Actual Expenses, Combined and Projected Expenses
for the Village of Speculator for (FY 2005-06)
and the Town of Lake Pleasant (FY 2006)

Appendix C

List of Fixed Assets for the Village of Speculator

Appendix D

Estimated Tax Tables

Appendix E

Village Law – Article 19 (Dissolutions)

Appendix F

Civil Service Law – Article 5, Title A, Section 70 (Transfers)