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5.9 percent tax increase, or about \$30 a year on a \$100,000 valuation, according to the study.

All village assets, including the library, village hall and maintenance garages, will become town assets with their contents. The property has an insured value of \$2,068,299. Village machinery and equipment has an insured value of \$92,000.

The only village liability, according to Laberge Group, is \$2,137,000 for a village Drinking Water State Revolving Fund loan established in 2006. That will be taken over by the town.

Public water to former village residents will be

**Dissolving**

■ The village dissolution movement in recent years in the Capital Region has not had a lot of success. Measures have failed in the Saratoga County villages of Victory, Corinth and Schuylerville; the villages of Lake George in Warren County; and Middleburgh in Schoharie County.

■ Many villages have opted to merge some of their services with the towns rather than seek total dissolution.

■ Gov. Andrew Cuomo has pushed measures to strip away redundant layers of local government to reduce taxes. However, of the 500 villages in the state, only five have been dissolved since 2009, according to the Department of State.

provided by the town with the creation of a special

water district. The levy will be around 90 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation plus \$177 per unit for the water.

A special street lighting district will be set up and levy a tax of 68 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Assessment duties, fire, rescue and police, and code enforcement services will be unaffected by dissolution.

Of the total village spending of \$563,864 in the 2014-15 budget, \$270,163 will be transferred to the town. The remainder, \$293,701, represents village salaries and other expenses to be eliminated in the merger.

More than a dozen people will lose village jobs including the mayor, the four-member board

of trustees, the three-member zoning board, the village justice, the clerk/treasurer, the village attorney, the public works administrator and a historian.

Residents favored dissolving the village by 192-49 in August.

The village, with 512 registered voters, had a relatively high 37 percent voter turnout on the issue. It may have been a record turnout, too, in light of the recent mayoral election in which only 89 people voted.

There will be a village public hearing on the matter at 7 p.m. Feb. 26 in village hall.

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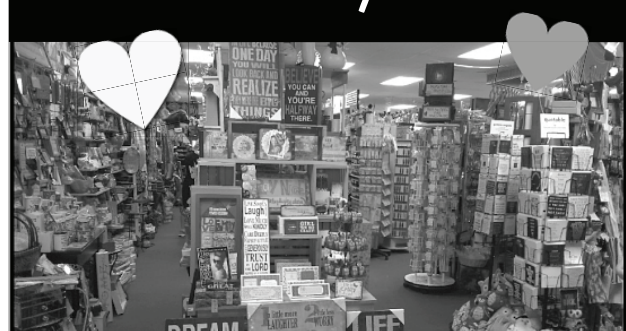
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Copies of the plan and its supporting documents are available for review at the William K. Sanford Town Library, 629 Albany Shaker Road, Loudonville, NY 12211 (518) 458-9274. Written comments should be sent to the address below:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New York District  
Attn: James Moore, CENAN-PP-E  
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