

**VILLAGE OF DOWNERS GROVE
REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE COUNCIL WORKSHOP
MARCH 16, 2010 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
Referendum Advisory Question – Government Consolidation	✓ Resolution Ordinance Motion Discussion Only	Dave Fieldman Village Manager

SYNOPSIS

A resolution has been prepared to place the following non-binding advisory question on the November 2, 2010 local election ballot:

- Shall the Illinois General Assembly and the Governor take immediate steps to review the services being provided by townships and special districts and consider consolidation of these services with other units of local government in an effort to reduce or eliminate unnecessary levels of local government?

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

The Five Year Plan and Goals include *Exceptional Services and Communication*.

FISCAL IMPACT

N/A.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval on the April 5, 2008, consent agenda.

BACKGROUND

Mayor Sandack has requested that three non-binding advisory questions be placed on the November 2, 2010 local election ballot. Resolutions have been prepared for each of the three advisory questions and Village Council approval of each resolution is required prior to placing the items on the 2010 local election ballot. The following non-binding advisory question is proposed for Village Council consideration:

- Shall the Illinois General Assembly and the Governor take immediate steps to review the services being provided by townships and special districts and consider consolidation of these services with other units of local government in an effort to reduce or eliminate unnecessary levels of local government?

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution

RESOLUTION _____

A RESOLUTION INITIATING THE SUBMISSION OF A PUBLIC QUESTION URGING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO MOVE TOWARD CONSOLIDATION OF LOCAL SERVICES AND ELIMINATION OF UNNECESSARY LAYERS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, Illinois has more units of local government than any other state in the nation; and

WHEREAS, the framers of the 1970 Illinois Constitution recognized that reform was needed and increased the roles of counties and municipalities while decreasing the roles of other units of government in an effort to reduce the tax burdens upon residents; and

WHEREAS, although the adoption of the 1970 Illinois Constitution clarified and codified the roles of many units of local government, it has not eliminated the problem of overlapping services; and

WHEREAS, many units of local government such as townships and special districts perform limited, specific and even duplicative services; and

WHEREAS taxpayer dollars should be used in the most efficacious manner with an effort to provide the best service at the lowest possible cost; and

WHEREAS, whether the provision of services currently being performed by a special district or township could be consolidated and performed by another unit of local government is an idea that is worthy of exploration; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Village Council of the Village of Downers Grove as follows:

Section 1. The provisions set forth in the preamble are hereby incorporated into this resolution.

Section 2. A public question shall be submitted to the voters of the Village of Downers Grove, County of DuPage, State of Illinois, at the November 2, 2010 General Election (or the next available election permitted by the general election law) as follows:

Shall the Illinois General Assembly and the Governor take immediate steps to review the services being provided by townships and special districts and consider consolidation of these services with other units of local government in an effort to reduce or eliminate unnecessary levels of local government?	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
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Section 3. The Village Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to publish this authorizing resolution within ten (10) days after passage in a newspaper of general circulation within the Village and to file this authorizing resolution and/or other related matters with the appropriate election officials in accordance with applicable law.

Section 4. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval in a manner provided by law.

Mayor

Passed:

Published:

Attest: _____

Village Clerk