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**Dissolution is Village Board topic**

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BARKER — Village Attorney Daniel E. Seaman is expected to discuss the process of studying advantages and disadvantages to dissolving village government when the Barker Village Board meets tonight.

The meeting is slated for 7 p. m. in Village Hall, 8708 Main St.

At the request of a longtime village resident, the Village Board directed Seaman at last month’s board meeting to provide “an overview of the process,” according to Mayor Jo Ann Greenwald.

Seaman said last week, “I plan to report to the board but I have no comment until then.”

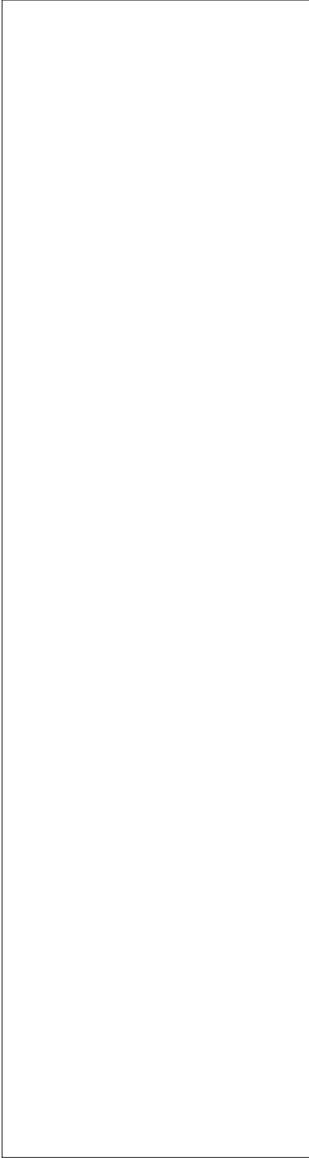
Greenwald said Friday, “Once we understand the basic parameters, we’ll go forward with the investigation of the facts and figures for a complete picture. We’re committed to doing whatever we can for a basic understanding of the pros and cons. I’m sure it will take quite a while, but we will diligently pursue this information.”

Resident Neal Gordon had requested at last month’s board meeting that the board “assemble the information” on the advantages and disadvantages of such a move “and let the people decide once and for all.”

Both Greenwald and Seaman recalled that public sentiment had been tested once before on the topic.

“I guess it would have been in the mid-to late 1980s, and I was the village attorney at the time,” Seaman said. “It was a public information meeting, not a formal referendum, to determine the sentiment of the village, and I know people were overwhelmingly against it. Nothing further was done.”

Gordon, who moved to the village in 1965, said his request of the village government for a study was “purely



economical” and that he would not voice an opinion on the topic but was merely looking for the facts.

Town Supervisor Richard Meyers said the town would provide numbers “to help determine if this is financially viable” if the Village Board requested information but that the Town Board would not have an opinion on the issue.


Greenwald said she’s waiting for word from Seaman before the Village Board convenes a committee to study the matter but added that any committee meetings would be open to the public.

Barker celebrated the 100th anniversary of its incorporation as a village last year.

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