

Fact checking Mayor Kleisle's corrections to FingerLakes Times 4/10/2013 Article

- 1) Mayor Kleisle reports at the 4/11/2013 Board meeting that she received permission from the Lyons village board at the 9/11/2012 board meeting to apply for two plans.
- 2) 9/7/2012: EMAIL between Myra Fedyniak of LGE and Mayor Kleisle: See attached, but no discussion of two plans or any relevant details about alternatives to dissolution plan.
- 3) 9/7/2012 EMAIL between MRB Connie Sowards and Mayor Kleisle: *"We are so glad Myra (Fedyniak of LGE) got back to you and the grant details cleared up. Now you can apply for the total amount of \$50,000. Part 1 and 2 are easy to prepare, as you know since you did the original. Diana and I will work on Part 3 and the Work Plan for you as promised."*
- 4) 9/11/2012 Village Board Meeting Minutes: www.villageoflyons.com/thevillage :
"RESOLUTION offered by Ms. Greco, second by Mr. Alvaro. Whereas, the Village of Lyons was presented with a petition to dissolve the Village of Lyons on August 2, 2012, Whereas, that Corrine Kleisle, Mayor is the lead applicant contact person to execute all financial and/or administrative processes relating to the implementation of the program, RESOLVED that Corrine Kleisle, is authorized and directed to prepare and submit an application to the Local Government Efficiency grant program for the 2011-2012 program year, and be it further RESOLVED that the Village of Lyons apply for a NYS Department of State Grant RFA#11-LGE-06, in the total amount of \$55,000, Local share \$5,500 and State share \$49,500."
- 5) 9/19/2012 Special Meeting in Macedon at 9:15pm to discuss dissolution with Village of Macedon, nothing mentioned about any Village of Lyons authorizations for dissolution plan/grants/alternatives.
- 6) 9/25/2012 Special Meeting 6:30pm to 8:15pm of Village Board to have NYCOM Attorney Wade Beltrano present the law and answer questions. No mention of any board authorizations for dissolution plan/grants/alternatives.
- 7) 9/26/2012 EMAIL between Mayor Kleisle and MRB Ryan Colvin, Connie Sowards. **Also copied into the email** are Trustees Evangelist, Alvaro, Vanstean, Greco, and Darcangelis:
"We met this am with Ms. Fedyniak to finalize this grant application along with a work plan for creation of A DISSOLUTION PLAN in the amount of \$47,050. Because the village board will not be meeting until October 9th, I polled the board at last nights information meeting to get authorization for the contract proposal as presented. The board approved the contract VERBALLY and officially a resolution will be approved on 10/9/12 for the \$3250 cost."
- 8) 10/9/2012 Village Meeting: No mention of any board authorizations for dissolution plan/grants/alternatives.
- 9) 10/29/2012 Special Meeting of Lyons Village Board 6:30pm – 8:15pm: Village of Lyons public informational meeting prepared by MRB Group using LGE funding grants and presented by Trustee Terry Vanstean.
- 10) 11/7/2012 EMAIL between Diana Smith MRB and Mayor Kleisle: *"I can actually imagine how you feel this morning, DEVASTATED!" "IT's tragic to think residents were sold a bill of goods." "Now the even more difficult part begins: **formulating a realistic and honorable plan.** Connie and I have been through this before and can speak to the implementation challenges that make a plan feasible or infeasible! We have some thoughts for you on that front and would like the opportunity to share them. Let me know when you want to get together, keep standing tall!"*
- 11) 11/13/2012 Village Meeting: No mention of any board authorizations for dissolution plan/grants/alternatives.

- 12) 11/19/2012 Special Meeting of Lyons village Board 5PM – 5:59PM: No mention of any board authorizations for dissolution plan/grants/alternatives.
- 13) 11/26/2012 LGE Grant Application Agreement signed by Mayor Kleisle: Pages 21 – 26 are the actual work plan for the Village. **\$7950 designated to “educate the public positive and negative” to the effects of dissolution on the entity.** Task 4C is development of a dissolution plan. Task 4D is development of “dissolution alternatives.” Task 4E is publish the dissolution plan as required in the law.
- 14) 12/3/2012 Village Board Organizational Meeting: Mayor reports Village of Lyons was awarded the \$49,500 LGE Grant. No mention of 2 plans/alternatives.
- 15) 12/11/12 Village Board meeting, 12/12/2012 Special Meeting, no mentions of dissolution plans or alternatives.
- 16) 12/13/2012 EMAIL between Diana Smith MRB and Mayor Kleisle: Discusses RFP. Mayor reports she will send the RFP as soon as she gets in the next day. (Was this also released to everyone, or was MRB special and preparing the language?)
- 17) 12/27/2012 Special Meeting 6Pm – 6:15pm: “.....preparation and approval of A DISSOLUTION PLAN to be submitted to the village within 180 days.”
- 18) 1/8/2013, 2/6/2013 Village Board Meetings: No discussion of dissolution, plans, or LGE Grant.
- 19) 1/18/2013 EMAIL between Diana Smith MRB and Mayor Kleisle (1/2 received via FOIL, rest left out and not worth court case pursuing at this time): MRB gets very specific on the language of the RFP and makes recommendations about being specific in specifying a MINIMUM SCOPE and ALTERNATIVES to dissolution. “IF RYAN sends me his thoughts sooner, I’ll forward them to you. Otherwise, have a great weekend and we’ll give you a call first thing Monday and make sure you have what you need.”
- 20) 2/12/13 Village Board Meeting: Mentions 2 responses to RFP received from MRB and CGR for “*dissolution plan and analysis of alternatives.*” “*After lengthy discussion, it was determined to award this to MRB group.*”
- 21) 2/26/2013 Special Meeting 6:30pm – 7:35PM: Only 1 plan is discussed by mayor. MRB Diana Smith discusses the “exploration of alternatives,” but a single report is mentioned.
- 22) 3/7/2013 Dissolution Committee Minutes: No mention of dual plans or alternatives, discusses one plan.
- 23) 3/12/2013 Village Board Meeting: Reports updates can be had at www.lyonsdissolution.org .
- 24) 3/14/2013 Dissolution Committee Minutes: No discussion of two plans or alternatives in written minutes.
- 25) 3/21/2013 Dissolution Committee Minutes – Public questions: Per a question from Trustee Sean Dobbins, Sergei explains that there will be two plans per state law. This is reiterated that it’s state law that alternative plan is formed.
- 26) Review of Citizens_Reorganization_RFA LGE Grant.PDF from Local Government Accountability Office DOES discuss on pages 29-36 that “an analysis of options for cost savings if the local government reorganization is not completed. Such options may include, but are not limited to functional consolidations, cooperative agreements, and changes in the scope and level of services provided by the entities.” Page 32 is a sample work plan the does clearly discuss “a reorganization plan and alternatives to local government re-organization.” However, the template and review shows that the requirement is to prepare a proposed dissolution plan within 180 days as required by law, and

then prepare the alternatives to dissolution if the committee does not believe that dissolution is the best for the citizens. Both should be presented for consideration.