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# Community votes, Village of Barneveld to Dissolve

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It started as a petition from residents, that piece of paper leading to the dissolving of a village.

“We feel that we need a little bit of help from our town.” Village Trustee Beth Cantwell said.

“We would just become part of the Township of Trenton and be known as the hamlet-with all the same benefits we’re not losing any benefits so we feel good about it.”

Cantwell said.

Following a community wide vote, 54 people voted to dissolve Barneveld, 12 responding to leave the village as it is.

“It’s difficult for small villages upstate because there are very small places they have small resources to bring to bare for example our total tax levy is under \$8,000.” Village clerk Stanley Harris said.

“That’s all the tax money we take in. We really on sale tax money and state aid to make up the difference so a local government that cant provide service you have to start asking questions as to why it exists.” Harris said.

The village now has 180 days to come up with a written document laying out how the process of dissolving the village would take place. Harris also telling us tonight that the written plan will then have to sit for 40 days, unless someone in the village collects enough petition signatures.

The village will be dissolved at a date that will be specified in the written plan.