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Macedon, N.Y. - The signs are everywhere, and voters have less than two weeks to decide. At issue: to dissolve or not to dissolve the Village of Macedon. For John Cieslinski, a business owner here, it's not even a question. His answer is "no."

"We have such a tremendous history," he said. "To lose our identity and become part of the town would be difficult."

For Cieslinski and members of the group "Village Pride," there's too much risk involved. "If the dissolution vote goes through, people are voting blindly. No study has been done to really tell us what will occur."

But Jim Beckenbach, who founded the group "One Macedon," and circulated the petition that brought this issue to a vote, says that's not the case.

"If dissolution passes, we have to come out with a plan," Beckenbach said. "Then it has to be approved by the voters."

Without voter approval, Beckenbach says, dissolution goes away. He, and the more than 200 people who signed the petition, presented to the village in July, hope that doesn't happen. They're tired of paying so much to live here.

"I just paid about \$860 in village taxes, which would go away if the village was dissolved," Beckenbach said.

According to Cieslinski, there's no guarantee the move would save taxpayers any money. He and others are working hard to get that message out. "Village Pride" organized a rally at the corner of Route 31 and 350 in the Village of Macedon. The event will take place Saturday, October 2, from noon to three. Members of "One Macedon" have said they plan to attend.

The vote takes place on October 12th.

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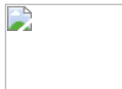
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