

1. Do all states have incorporated villages -- No -- 18 states have incorporated villages,-- others have cities only
2. How many incorporated villages are there in New York -- 555
3. How many were there in 1960 -- 550
4. How many incorporated villages have been incorporated since 1960-- 10
5. How many incorporated villages have gone out of business since 1960--4 and there have been two villages combined into one
6. How many villages have been ~~#####~~ incorporated since 1900-- 179
7. What is the oldest village -- Waterford
8. Are there classes of villages --yes, 1, 2, 3, and 4th class villages but the designation, based upon population size, is meaningless today
9. What area villages have been formed recently -- Sylvan Beach(Oneida) ~~and~~ Round Lake(Saratoga), *Larving (Tompkins)*
10. What are the names of the ~~other~~ villages in Albany County-- ~~#####~~, Altamont, Colonie, Green Island, Menands, Ravena, Voorheesville
11. What is the population of each of these villages-- Altamont 1561-- Colonie -- 8701 --Green Island 3297 -- Menands 3449-- Ravena 2797-- Voorheesville 2826
12. What will be the costs of forming a village -- besides the \$1000 payment to cover expenses, there should be a tax savings from incorporation-- that is, the town plus county plus school plus village taxes should be less than the town plus school plus county taxes?
13. Why -- ~~#####~~ because all of the tax revenue that will be coming to the village plus the state and federal aid will be greater than the costs of the services which we ~~use now~~ use.
14. How do you know that-- please take a look at the handout -- items 1-8 are the present tax rates-- property tax rates --per \$1000 assessed valuation-- these are 1980 numbers -- taken from the budget of the town -- they amount to \$63.933 per \$1000 assessvaluation-- or about \$255.73 per house in McKownville -- the school tax is \$183.75 for \$735-- the county tax is \$36.25 per \$1000 for \$145 -- totalling \$1135.73 per house in McKownville, approximately.
 In addition there are sewer charges (about \$145) and meter charges for water (\$24.00) for a grand total of \$1304.73
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 With incorporation of the village, the school tax would remain the same, the county tax would remain the same, and the sewer tax would remain the same.
 ##### The focus is only on ~~#####~~ Town property taxes
15. Now take a look at the last two columns at the top of the page --these two columns show the split between town and village taxes if McKownville was an incorporated village in 1980-- that is how much would have been the tax rates this year, given the 1980 budget of the town and the costs of their services --

16. The column headed village tax rates show that the village would have ~~####~~ had tax rates of 55.132 and the town 8.801 per ~~\$~~1000 of assessed valuation (plus the ~~\$~~28 per nunit sewer chareg)

The last column shows the continuation of the Town tax rates--

17. How do you know that this is the way it would have been split -- because 1 it is provided for in the law --set down when other villages incorporate --the districts inside the village boundaries become part of the village and the ~~\$\$\$~~ districts ~~\$\$~~ which might be inside the village are the lighting, water, and fire districts-- and the town can excuse the village from paying the Town highway tax -- the town does excuse Altamon from paying the Highway tax-- the State provides that if one village is excluded, then all villages in that town must be excluded-- so the lighting, highway, water and fire districts are presumed to become part of the village

18. Do they have to become part of the village-- if the district is entirely inside the village, yes -- if partly outside-- no, but they can be-- therefore, which districts become part of the village depends on how we define our village boundaries

19. Please look at the map I have prepared -- there are three districts -- and on the North the boundaries tend to coincide as they do on the east -- on the west and the south they diverge -- this is not as good a map as ~~we~~ we will need for the village, but it is roughly accurate now --the complete set of maps for the village will cost about ~~\$~~ \$35 from Smith and Mahoney-- tax maps -- showing district boundaries-- how would you like to define the boundaries --please indicate your preference and sign your name and send it forward--

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20. Now go back to the numbers on the handout -- the property tax receipts are equal to 55.132 times the property tax assessment for McKownville for \$249.467. The sales tax receipts are the amount we would get by state law--county law-- in proportion to the ~~\$\$\$~~ assessed valuation in the village as a ratio of that in the town -- the mortgage share is also equal to that of the ratio of one half of the village assessed property valuation as a ratio of that in the town --the federal revenue share depends upon having tax receipts for several years-- it ~~###~~ would amount to about ~~\$\$\$~~ (\$11,288) ~~\$~~5.644 per capita) -- water meter receipts are as shown in the budget for the Town -- and miscellaneous is just to remind us that Villages do get minor receipts--t

the total is some 419,694.37-- the sales tax number is for 1979-- it should be increased ~~\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$~~-- the same for the mortgage tax receipt -- and property tax receipts need be adjusted upwards because the village boundaries will be larger than those for the fire district -- my guess is that the revenues are underestimated by some 50

~~\$20,000~~

5 per capita aid depends on the number of residents -- estimated at 2000 times \$8.496-- needs to be increased for the number of students in the Mohawk dorm which is in Guidlerland-- *maybe another*

\$5000

21. Now for the expenditures -- the water dept. is as shown in the 1980 Town budget-- \$132 000 -- the street lights are as shown in the town budget --\$2255 -- the fire district is as shown in the budget -- \$75,170 -- the

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the highway department was estimated in ~~two~~ ways -- first, the comparison with the costs per mile of village streets for the villages of Waterford, Dolgeville, Akron, Vorheesville, Fort Plain, East Williston, Ravena, Granville, Canisteo, Lake Placid, and Clyde --for \$9,999 -- then a comparison with the Town -- which is \$9748 per mile of Town highway -- ~~the~~ used the Town number since it was so close to the other and is probably a better indicator -- there are about 6.5 miles of village streets in McKownville-- and that times ~~the~~ about \$9748 equals 63,362

now for general government -- I computed for the same 11 villages the costs for Mayor and trustees (\$2200), clerk/supplies (\$ 19,850), lawyer(\$ 5500), zoning/planning (\$2400), and insurance(\$37,000 -- this is quite generous since the total fire and liability insurance for the Town is ~~the~~ \$75,000 while medical and other insurance for the employees is ~~the~~ 363,850.

22. Therefore-- adding the revenues, subtracting the expenses, there is left a contingency fund of some \$74,000 -- an amount which can be used to cut taxes, -- and for the 671 dwelling units in McKownville, that means a tax reduction of \$111.48.

23. What is important is that there is little likelihood for a tax increase-- we can have zoning, stop Crossgates, and not payout more money in taxes To me that is a bargain --