

Trustee Andrews

I am adamantly opposed to commissioning a so-called dissolution study for three main reasons.

First, such studies are a cruel and cynical hoax. They are worse than worthless. They lead people to believe that they would, in fact, be carried out, when we know that would not happen. Once the village was dissolved, the Town Board could repeal any and every provision of the plan. For instance, any plan worth its salt would require retention of the police department and an effective code enforcement program. Yet, we know that the dissolutionists want to eliminate the police and eviscerate code enforcement. I doubt that the Town Board could refuse their demands. I will not support such a dishonest subterfuge.

Second, I will not trust the fate of this village to outsiders, however expert, brilliant, and well-meaning they may be. Brockporters should decide their own fate, as I am confident they will do in voting down dissolution even more resoundingly than six years ago. They know best their own interests and are perfectly capable of acting accordingly without outside help.

Third, I want no outsiders' plan, because I have my own, which is to help defeat dissolution and to continue to work with my colleagues on this Board to serve the interests of Brockporters to the best of my ability, to continue to hold the line on taxes, to continue to work aggressively to secure outside funding, to continue to find ways to economize on village expenses, and to continue to provide our neighbors with the services they want and need.