

## Crystal Township and village should work together

Dear Editor:

I attended the public meeting Wednesday night concerning the proposed village of Crystal Lake.

The main concern seemed to be increased taxes. Many had done their homework and found that no one in Lansing could tell them that taxes would not go up. Even if it wasn't an election year, no one in Lansing or Washington could ever say that taxes won't go up at any level of government.

The trick is to get more back for your tax dollars.

If at the end of the month you have a few dollars left and you put it under your mattress you will have the same dollars there when you go back. If you put those same dollars in a simple savings account at the bank you will have an increase of less than 1 percent.

If you put those same dollars

in a certificate of deposit you will have an increase of 4 percent. In much the same way, there are tiers in government. Each tier is eligible for different levels of revenue sharing and grant money.

The trick is to get more back for your tax dollar. No one can guarantee that our taxes will not go up if we stay a township or if there is a village, but if we work together I think we can get more for the taxes we do pay.

My permanent residence is now Crystal. I grew up in Carson City.

My grandfather, my mother and my uncle were all active in the government there and they were a part of many changes there.

Growth is change and change is hard to visualize, but if township and village work together it could mean more for everyone

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