Little comment from LTMUA following vote for dissolution

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VILLAGES — Despite a vote by Lower Township Council for dissolution, the village is not in the clear yet.

DeBlasio said this was a "very close vote for dissolution." The vote was 3-3 with the mayor casting the deciding vote.

As a next step, DeBlasio is considering another appeal to the federal government.

The vote for dissolution was delayed by a mix of emotions.

The village had a vote for dissolution last year as well, and DeBlasio said they are expecting another vote at the end of the year.

The vote comes as a result of a lawsuit filed by the Lower Township Municipal Authority (LTMUA), which is responsible for providing water and sanitation services to the village.

The LTMUA has filed a lawsuit against the village, claiming that it has failed to pay its bills and has put the village's water system at risk.

"Our goal is to ensure that the water system is protected," DeBlasio said.

The village has 2,000 hookups and is a $7 million business for the LTMUA, according to DeBlasio.

"We are still looking into the options," he said.

The village is currently without a manager, and there has been a turnover in projects, according to DeBlasio.

The village's water system has been a turnover in projects for two years, and DeBlasio said it has been a "very difficult" time.

"We have had to make some difficult decisions," he said.

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