

**DEXTER VILLAGE CHARTER COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING
SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2014**

A. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by Charter Commission Chairperson, John Hansen at the Dexter District Library locate at 3255 Alpine Street in Dexter, Michigan

B. ROLL CALL: Jack Donaldson, John Hansen, Phil Mekas, Michael Raatz and James Smith. Absent: Phil Arbour, Matt Kowalski, Mary-Ellen Miller and Thom Phillips.

Also attending: Courtney Nicholls, Assistant Village Manager; Carol Jones, Village Clerk; Jim Carson, Paul Cousins, Julie Knight, Joe Semifero, and Ray Tell, Village Trustees; Shawn Keough, Village President and Village residents (sign in sheet attached).

C. OPENING REMARKS:

Chairman Hansen opened the hearing at 2:00 PM by giving an explanation of the charter process procedures, timeline involved to get a charter to the public for a vote and the resources available to the Commission.

D. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sue Sherrill of 3435 Edison Street, Dexter spoke on behalf of a group that she is a part of and wonders if residents know what cityhood means. She raised 4 questions regarding (1) City Council and their power to create entities needed for public health, safety and well-being of the city; (2) The transfer of funds within city accounts; (3) Assessment power; and (4) Use of Revenue Sharing funds.

Ray Tell of 3539 Hudson Street, Dexter inquired about items c and d on page 47 (Transition) of the Charter Draft regarding how Village/City council members would run for office and the need to run at this initial period.

Dale Klassen of 3527 Bristol Drive, Dexter inquired about the taxation powers of a city.

Julie Knight of 7765 Third Street, Dexter asked about the identification of a newspaper by name on page 48 of the draft charter being so specific as its possible in the future there will be no actual newspapers.

Jon Rush of 7930 Fifth Street, Dexter inquired about language and would like to see the wording that will be on the November ballot. He also question the term "cityhood" and would prefer that it be called a Charter for a Home Rule City.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Phil Mekas; support by Michael Raatz to adjourn the Public Hearing at 2:42 PM. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol J. Jones
Clerk, Village of Dexter

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