

DEXTER CITY STUDY COMMITTEE
MONDAY, JULY 31, 2006
7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

THE VILLAGE OF DEXTER
VILLAGE COUNCIL

Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Dexter Ann Arbor Road

Attendance:

Libby Beal	Steve Gergely-Vice Chair	Bob Stacy
John Coy-Chair	Gary Gochanour	Scott Stivers
Lori Flowers	Carol Jones	Michael Vickers
Wanda Foster	Jon Rush	Kandi Waggoner
Aaron Sprague	Bart Wall	John Wensel

Absent:

Rich Bellas	Patrick Conlin	Mary Ellen Miller
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1) Welcome and Introductions

Jim Seta, Village President attended the meeting to welcome the members of the Study Committee and thanked them for participating.

Donna Dettling, Village Manager opened the meeting and members introduced themselves. There are no laws or Michigan State Statutes that govern the activity of this type Committee, except for the Open Meetings Act (OMA). The OMA requirement to post the meeting agenda will be followed. The timeline set by Council in the Resolution was intended to be a guideline only, if the Report isn't completed in six months, Council will extend the time by a motion. The report presented to Council will be the formal document of this group.

2) Elect Chairperson, and Vice Chair

Ms. Dettling volunteered staff to keep record of the meetings. John Coy was nominated to serve as Chair of the meetings, voice vote all yeas. The meeting was turned over to John Coy to Chair. Steve Gergely was nominated to serve as Vice Chair, voice vote all yeas.

3) Establish meeting schedule.

As our options are limited for available meeting space, staff recommended a constant meeting schedule of every second and fourth Monday prior to regular Council meetings (6:00 to 7:30 p.m.) in order to use the Senior Center. However this option is no longer viable. Staff apologizes that this wasn't worked out ahead of time. Other locations to work on prior to our next meeting; National City basement, Schools, Library, St. James, and St Andrews. It was decided that Monday August 21st at 7:00 p.m. would be our next meeting date, unless word from Michigan Municipal League or City of Chelsea Representatives to attend a meeting on Monday, August 14th is confirmed. We will meet in the National City Bank basement for our next meeting unless notified otherwise. The group decided on a regular time for our meetings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. 1 ½ hours per meeting with exceptions from time to time as needed.

Follow-up with the Dexter Community Schools for a meeting room: The Board Room at Copeland has been secured for our meetings. The first and third Mondays have been held for our use. We will need to select Wednesdays or Thursdays for an alternate meeting night.

4) Develop a work plan

A handout that bullet points each of the major categories in Chelsea and Sparta Village report was provided. A copy is attached to the minutes.

Below is a list of major concerns raised in several different ways throughout the meeting.

- Physical concern or boundary issues. Provide maps and 425 Agreement (Conditional Annexation) summary information. Need visual aids.
- Annexation issues
- Services a City provides – Assessing/Voting, and other incremental services needed for a City vs. Village.
- Look at millage rates, Taxable Value (TV)
- Population Counts- SEMCOG data
- Water and Sewer issues
- Relationships with Township
- Financial impact City status will have on Townships
- Invite Michigan Municipal League to one of our meeting
- Invite Dexter and Webster Townships to one of our meetings
- Collect financial data and consider impact. Bart Wall volunteered to Chair: Financial Subcommittee with John Coy and Gary Gochanour.
- Confusion to residents

An on-going Q & A summary sheet is attached to the minutes. This document will be used to capture the questions raised at our meetings. We will review this list at each of our meetings, add questions and make sure satisfactory answers are provided to each question.

Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Donna Dettling, Village Manager

Approved for Filing: August 21, 2006