

**DEXTER CITY STUDY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2006
7:00 to 8:30 p.m.**

**THE VILLAGE OF DEXTER
VILLAGE COUNCIL**

COPELAND BOARD ROOM – 7720 DEXTER-ANN ARBOR ROAD

Attendance: Beal	Bellas	Conlin	Coy
Flowers	Foster	Gergely	Gochanour
Jones	Rush	Sprague	Stacey
Stivers	Vickers	Wall	Wensel

Absent: Miller and Waggoner

- 1) Take attendance, and approve Minutes August 21, 2006
- 2) Review Q & A Sheet- Next meeting
- 3) Tasks for the next meeting, set for Monday, September 18, 2006
 - Report from Financial Subcommittee

Most of the meeting was spent in Q & A with the guest speakers.

Municipal League Representatives, Sue A. Jeffers, Attorney for the League and Colleen Layton, Information Officer provided handout materials for the group. For your convenience these handouts have been provided again with the minutes. Ms. Layton recorded several questions from the group that she would research and provide feedback. These questions have been recorded on the Q & A Sheet. MML can continue to help with the process by providing information to the group. Ms. Jeffers suggested that the Washtenaw Planning Department would be a valuable resource to the group. Ms. Jeffers reviewed the handouts and highlighted several items listed below:

- Michigan Primary Units of Government- City and Township
- Required duties of primary units of government- Assess property taxes, Collect taxes, Conduct county, state and national elections.
- Incorporation requires a population more than 750, and density of not less than 500 people/square mile.

City of Chelsea Representatives, Mayor Ann Feeney and Jack Merkel discussed Chelsea's transition, highlights listed below. Jack Merkel provided a copy of "A Primer On Cityhood", it is attached to the minutes.

- Fear that charm of village would go away when Chelsea became a City, this did not happen.
- Focus on facts (intellectual matters) during the study portion of the process not emotional matters.

- Try to keep annexation issues out of study and simplify boundary request. Stay happy with current boundary.
- A study group is not responsible for determining boundary, focus on current boundary, keep it simple, and as noncontentious as possible.
- Chelsea contracts for Assessor duties at \$13 to \$14 per parcel
- Election cost easy to forecast. Chelsea spends a couple thousand dollars per election.
- Re-codify general code within 3 years
- Chelsea did not levy 20 mills, nobody would ever levy 20 mills
- Growth path is same for village as it is for city
- More respect as a City

Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Donna Dettling, Staff Liaison to Study Committee