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City Feasibility Study Committee
City Form of Government Study by The Citizen Advisory Committee
Park Place Community Center
310 N. Rush Street
April 4, 2023, 1:30PM
Meeting Minutes

I. Roll Call:
Chairperson Ressel-Hodan called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM.

Council Members Present: Trustee Bluhm and Trustee O'Connor.
Ad Hoc Members Present: Jansen, Ressel-Hodan, LaBarge (via Zoom); Marshall (via Zoom).
Absent: None.
Also Present: Village Manager Brown; Clerk/Treasurer Listerman.

II. Agenda
Motion by O'Connor, supported by Bluhm to approve the agenda as presented.
All Ayes.

III. Approval of the Minutes from February 17, 2023:
Motion by LaBarge, supported by O'Connor to approve the minutes from February 17, 2023, as presented.
All Ayes.

IV. Correspondence.
Discussion was held regarding the correspondence from Norm Shotwell.
Chairperson Ressel-Hodan asked the committee if they had anything that they wanted to expand on.

Trustee Dave Bluhm – The current law does not allow us to do this today. We have to deal with what is in front of us. The Council asked us to give us a report based on what the laws are now.

Chairperson Ressel-Hodan – Some statements are opinions over facts.

Mary Marshall will contact Senator Bumstead and ask him to give us a direct answer to the questions in the letter to share with the public. That is the way we should address this in our report. I know Senator Bumstead office stated there is no exception to the law, there is only changing the law.

Village Manager Chris Brown – stated that the law has many layers to it. 2000 in Population and $25,000,000 assessed value are just a couple. Under the current statue we do not qualify for population or assessed value to become a Charter Township. Plus, the statue is like an onion, it has many other layers to be considered. I agree with Dave, the Council asked you to give a report on your findings based on current law.

Trustee Dave Bluhm – We are not doing this because there is a problem. We are considering this because of the opportunities it presents.

Kathy will update the information in this section and the committee will review at the next meeting.

IV. Unfinished Business:

1. Review the draft document for the Village Council.

The committee reviewed the draft document and Kathy O'Connor took notes to make the changes.

V. New Business:

1. Report on the Pentwater Township's Meeting – Kyle.

No details to report. Kyle will reach out to the Pentwater Twp. City Chair and let him know the status of our report and the timeline for submission to the Village Council.

2. Q & A from Committee Members.

The committee reviewed the questions and Kathy O'Connor will update the section. The important point to make to the community is, "Who, What, Where and How".

3. Review timeline for presentation to the Village Council.

- Next meeting April 26th – Review Final Draft and vote on sending the report on to the Village Council.
- May 8th – Committee submits the final report to the Village Council and recommends the Village Council set a Public Hearing to hear comments from the Public.
- June 5th – Special Council Meeting to present the City Feasibility Study and hold a Public Hearing.
- June 6th or 7th the Committee would convene to incorporate the public and council comments into the appendix of the report.
- June 12th The Village Council considers acceptance of the report and possible approval of a Resolution to establish a Charter Commission.

VI. Public Comments:

None.

VII. Committee Comments:

Next meeting is Wednesday, April 26th at 1:00 P.M. at the Park Place Meeting Center.

VIII. Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rande Listerman, MiCPT, CPFA, CPFIM, MiPMC
Clerk/Treasurer