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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 26, 2023, 1:00 PM
Meeting Minutes

I. Roll Call:
Chairperson Ressel-Hodan called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

Council Members Present: Trustee Dave Bluhm and Trustee Kathy O'Connor.
Ad Hoc Members Present: Claudia Ressel-Hodan, Kyle Jansen; Amy LaBarge (via Zoom); Mary Marshall (via Zoom).
Absent: None.
Also Present: Village Manager Chris Brown; Clerk/Treasurer Rande Listerman and President Jeff Hodges.

II. Agenda
Motion by Jansen, supported by Marshall to approve the agenda as presented.
Voice Vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion Approved.

III. Approval of the Minutes from April 4, 2023:
Motion by O'Connor, supported by Marshall to approve the minutes from April 4, 2023, as presented.
Voice Vote: Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion Approved.

IV. Correspondence.
None.

IV. Unfinished Business:
None.

V. New Business:
1. Review Final Draft.
The Committee reviewed the draft and discussed some verbiage changes and changes to the placement of Section III amongst other items. Kathy O'Connor will make the changes and the

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Committee will meet again to review the final draft before the presentation of the report to the Village of Pentwater Council.

2. Discussion on Charter Township Section.
The Committee reviewed Section II, B. 2. Villages and Townships can merge to create a Charter Township. More detail will be added in the Questions and Answers section after the Public Informational Meeting.

3. Review of the Citizens Research Council of MI Evaluation of Potential Impact to Pentwater Township.
Village Manager Chris Brown noted that the section on page 13 Fire Department is inaccurate. The Village established and maintained the Pentwater Fire Department for many years and owns many of the assets. The Village entered into an Inter-Governmental Agreement in 2008 with Pentwater Township to supply fire service protection for all the Township residents after a Township wide millage was approved on August 3, 2004, by the electors of the Village and the Township. The Pentwater Fire Department has been operating under this Inter-Governmental Agreement since 2008.

4. Confirm all Changes.
The Committee will meet again on Monday, May 1, 2023, at 6:30 PM. to review the final draft with the proposed changes.

5. Discuss the Presentation for the Public Information Meeting.
Mary Marshall will prepare the presentation for the Public Information Meeting.

6. Confirm the Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule.

- Monday, May 1, 2023, at 6:30 PM. - Review the Final Draft.
- Monday, May 8, 2023, at 6:00 PM. - Citizens Advisor Committee of the City Feasibility Study will present their report to the Village Council. If the Village Council decides to move forward the Committee recommends the Village Council set a Public Informational Meeting for Monday, June 5th, 2023, at 6:00 PM.
- Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at 1:00 PM. - Citizens Advisory Committee of the City Feasibility Study review the Public Comments and update the information to the "Question and Answers" section of the report.

VI. Public Comments:
Glen Beavis - commented he is not an expert on Township law but in order to contribute to the Pentwater Channel Dredging he believes the Township has to own property around the lake. If the Village is dissolved the Township will own the Village assets and the Township would have property around the Channel.

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Mary Barker, Pentwater Library – commented that 100's if not 1000's of dollars has been spent by the Township and the Library to find out how they should prepare if the Village becomes a city.

Norm Shotwell – commented If anything else during this process we have learned more about how our government operates.

VII. Committee Comments:
Next meeting is Monday, May 1, 2023, at 6:30 PM. at the Park Place Meeting Center.

VIII. Adjournment There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.

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