

CITY STUDY COMMITTEE
PARK PLACE @ 310 NORTH RUSH STREET
OCTOBER 21, 2022, at 10:00 A.M.

I. ROLL CALL

Chairperson Ressel-Hodan called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

Council Members Present: Trustee Dave Bluhm and Trustee Claudia Ressel-Hodan.

Ad-Hoc Members Present: Sue Johnson, Amy LaBarge, Mary Marshall, Kathy O'Conner.

Absent: Kyle Jansen.

Also, Present: Clerk/Treasurer Rande Listerman, Police Chief Laude Hartrum and Member from the public Mary Temple.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Marshall approved by O'Conner to accept the agenda as presented.

Motion approved. All ayes.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Suggested Method for Comparison of Attributes of Governmental Structures-PowerPoint presented by Kathy O'Conner.

Kathy shared the City Feasibility Study PowerPoint which is attached to the minutes and the committee held discussion as they reviewed each slide.

Slide No. 1. - List of Recent Michigan Incorporation Activity and the results.

Trustee Dave Bluhm would like to see what the update is on the process for the Village of Manchester becoming a city.

Slide No. 2 & 3. - Cityhood Flowchart.

Trustee Claudia Ressel-Hodan would like to note the process does not start until Step No. 2 on the flow chart.

Trustee Dave Bluhm stated it was good to have the chart, but it was not what this committee was tasked to do. The process of becoming a city has three main steps.

1. Petition 2. Referendum 3. Adoption of a Charter.

Slide No. 4 & 5. - Potential Impact of Changes in Village Residents Taxes.

The Village Resident will not pay Township millage or Township Road millage. The Village Resident as a whole may choose not to participate in the Cemetery and the Library millage.

Slide No. 6. - Potential Services to be Added to City.

The Village will need to provide Assessing and the Village Clerk and will handle the Elections moving forward.

Slide No. 7. - *Shared Services that Require Agreements.*

The Pentwater Fire Department is a shared department under an Inter-Governmental Agreement with Pentwater Township.

Slide No. 8. - *What's Next.*

Slide No. 8 & 9 *Forms of Municipal Government Comparison of Attributes.*

B. Research Report from Committee Members.

The committee reviewed the list of goals and Chairperson Ressel-Hodan assigned the following tasks to be completed before the next committee meeting.

Trustee Dave Bluhm and Mary Marshall will set up a visit with both the Village of Manchester and the City of Dexter to ask questions about the process and their engagement with the public.

Kathy O'Conner will start a slide template for the Pro's and Con's List and work with Pentwater Township as a liaison.

Sue Johnson and Kathy O'Conner will bring the rules regarding Annexation.

Amy LaBarge and Chairperson Claudia Ressel-Hodan will work on the why? "Why did the issue of becoming a city arise?"

Kyle Jansen will research the difference in Revenue Sharing Formula.

The next meeting of the committee will be on:
Friday, November 18, 2022, at 10 A.M.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

VI. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 10:57 A.M.

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