

WORK SESSION
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2006
6:30 to 7:20 p.m.
THE VILLAGE OF DEXTER
VILLAGE COUNCIL

Dexter Senior Center, 7720 Dexter Ann Arbor Road

Attendance: Carson, Fisher, Cousins, Semifero, Keough, Walters, Seta, Boyle, and Dettling

The information below was reprinted from the September 11, 2006 Agenda:

Provided here is a review of what we might expect with the next steps in the annexation process. This information was pieced together from sample documents provided by MML and information provided by W. Beach in a letter dated August 27, 2004.

- No statutory requirement for the Village to hold a public hearing. Village Council action in support of the petition would place the annexation request before the County for action.
- County must hold a public hearing and the village must publish notice. The notice must be published one time each week for 3 weeks immediately preceding the hearing on the petition.
- **The Village would do a well thought-out presentation to the County.**
- Township officials and residents would express their opinion about the annexation.
- The County vote on the annexation is discretionary, but the board generally only looks at the process to determine if the property is contiguous, and does not create any enclaves.
- The County's decision on an annexation petition is a legislative prerogative of the county, which courts cannot second-guess.

The Village received a \$3,500 annexation request deposit from the applicant last year per our fee resolution, schedule of fees. One thousand dollars of this fee is deposited into the General Fund to cover staff costs to process the annexation. The other \$2,500 is in escrow to cover other costs such as publication of the hearing notice and presentation costs. The escrow dollars are refunded to the applicant if not spent.

Village Manager updated Council regarding the Annexation Petition that went to the County. At the October 4th BOC meeting the agenda item to set the Hearing on the Village's annexation request was officially withdrawn from the BOC agenda. County is investigating their legal requirement to set the hearing.

Council asked that additional follow-up by staff to prepare a PowerPoint presentation be undertaken. Although the Public Hearing has not been set, Council does not want to wait until the last minute to put together a well thought-out presentation. Bullet points on the PowerPoint presentation would include the items listed on the Resolution as well as items from the Village Master Plan, Baker Road Plan, County Master Plan and Scio Master Plan.

An email from Jim Seta to the Board was discussed (copy of email is attached to minutes). As indicated in the email a meeting was held earlier today with Scio Representatives Jim Dries and Charles Nielsen; Village Representatives Jim Seta and Jim Carson, as well as Tony Vanderworp the County Planning Official. During this meeting it was agreed that future land use discussion would continue between the village and Scio Township. Tony Vanerworp would moderate and provide framework as well as a timeline for future meetings. The documents to be used in the process: Village Master Plan, Scio Master Plan, Washtenaw County Master Plan, and Baker Road Corridor Plan.

The smaller group made up of two elected officials from each municipality would meet over the next 12 weeks or so on an every other week basis. Once a document is ready for review both Boards would jointly review it.

Respectfully Submitted

Approved for filing: October 23, 2006

Donna Dettling
Village Manager