

VILLAGE OF DEXTER - STEPPING INTO CITYHOOD

Steps Taken as of January 18, 2012

- The City Study Committee comprised of residents was formed and met from July 31, 2006 to March 7, 2007
- After completing its research the committee presented its findings to the public on March 7, 2007 and to the Village Council on March 26, 2007 that included their recommendation that the Village Council move forward in the process
- May 14, 2007 - Village Council passes Resolution 21-2007 Declaring Intent to Pursue City Status and Incorporate as the City of Dexter
- September 2007 - Village solicits Village Engineer Orchard, Hiltz, and McCliment to submit a proposal to create a boundary map
- November 26, 2007 - Village hires former State Boundary Commissioner David Rutledge to assist in the process at a cost not to exceed \$3,000
- February 25, 2008 - Village accepts proposal from Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment to complete Phases 1 & 2 of the boundary map process for a cost not to exceed \$10,000
- Orchard, Hiltz, and McCliment completes Phases 1 & 2 of the boundary map process
- May 12, 2008 - Council authorizes Orchard, Hiltz, and McCliment to complete Phases 3 & 4 of the boundary map process at a cost not to exceed \$19,500
- January 2009 - Completed boundary map
- Circulated petitions for signatures - gathered 164 signature or approx. 7% of eligible voters and property owners in the Village
- November 6, 2009 - Filed petition with the State Boundary Commission
- March 18, 2010 - Boundary Commission found the petition to be legally insufficient due to issues with the Boundary Map
- April 12, 2010 - Council vote to resubmit petition with contiguous boundary
- May 24, 2010 - Village Council voted to hire Attorney Tom Ryan to consult on the process.
- July 13, 2010 - Completed Boundary Map
- October 2010 - Circulated petitions for signatures - gathered 160 signatures, or approx. 7% of eligible voters and property owners in the Village
- December 15, 2010 - Petition submitted to Boundary Commission
- June 16, 2011 - Boundary Commission meeting held - consideration of the petition was postponed
- August 18, 2011 - Boundary Commission found the petition legally insufficient
- September 15, 2011 - Boundary Commission adopted their "findings of fact" declaring the petition legally insufficient; the petition was forwarded to the Director of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs for his signature to make it final
- September 27, 2011 - Village submitted a letter to the Director explaining our position and the position of the Attorney General and State surveyors that the petition should be legally sufficient
- October 14, 2011 - Village participated in a conference call with the Director and Deputy Director.
- October 26, 2011 - Village received a "findings of fact" signed by the Director declaring the petition legally sufficient
- November 17, 2011 - Boundary Commission set the public hearing date for January 17, 2012
- January 17, 2012 - Boundary Commission holds the public hearing in the Village

Potential Future Steps

- Boundary Commission adopts its "findings" -
 - o If it finds that the process should move forward the Commission issues a notice of approval
 - o If not the petition is denied and the process stops

- The decision of the Boundary Commission is sent to the Director of Labor and Regulatory Affairs for final approval. He can decide that the process should move forward or stop.
- If he determines the process should move forward the referendum period begins. If a referendum petition is filed within 45 days of the Director's approval the issue is placed on the ballot - need 5 % of Village of Dexter registered voters (currently approx. 122 signatures) on the petition
- If a referendum petition is not filed Village voters elects a nine (9) member Charter Commission
- Charter Commission writes a City Charter
- City Charter sent to Governor for approval
- Once the Charter receives the approval of the Governor the Village electors vote on it
 - o If the charter is not adopted within three years the process ends
- If residents adopt the Charter within the three year period, the Village becomes a City