

VILLAGE OF DEXTER - STEPPING INTO CITYHOOD

Steps Taken as of April 29, 2009

- 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
- Completed boundary map - January 2009
- Prepare petitions

Potential Future Steps

- Circulate petitions for signatures - need 5% of eligible voters and property owners in the Village which equals 117 signatures (the Village's 2000 census figures were 2,338)
 - o At least 10 from Scio Township and 10 from Webster Township
- File petition with the State Boundary Commission
- Boundary Commission meets to determine legal sufficiency
- If petition is found to be sufficient, the Boundary Commission conducts a public hearing
 - o If the petition is not found to be sufficient the process stops
- Boundary Commission adopts its findings -
 - o If it finds that the process should move forward the Commission approves the petition
 - o If not the petition is denied and the process stops
- If a referendum petition is filed within 45 days of the Commission's approval the issue is placed on the ballot - need 5 % of Village of Dexter registered voters on the petition
- If a referendum petition is not filed the Village 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