

**CARO CHARTER COMMISSION  
APPROVED MINUTES  
6/23/09**

Richard Ransford, Chair. Al Jones, Vice-Chair. Don Duggar, Clerk

Members Thomas Baird, Wm Bortel, Kerwood Crutchfield,  
Joe Greene, Debra Lung-Lipan, David Mattlin

The meeting of the Caro Charter Commission was called to order by Commission Chair Richard Ransford at 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday June 23 2009 at the Caro Municipal Building 317 S State St Caro MI 48723.

In attendance were Richard Ransford, Joe Greene, Wm Bortel, Al Jones, Don Duggar, Tom Baird, David Mattlin, Kerwood Crutchfield and Debra Lung-Lipan. Also in attendance were Caro Clerk Karen Snider, Manager Don Beavers and intern Elliot Nelson.

The purpose of this meeting was to review the amended draft that was returned by the Attorney General's office and to consider the changes they suggested. Most of the changes were to make the text more clear and to insert certain references to state law. The commission reviewed each suggested change and adopted them by consensus except for the following;

Sec 5.9 delete the word "place" in the second sentence and insert the word "position". The text to read "The appointment shall be for the position..."

Sec 8.4 (b) (1) add the words "or appointed" after the word "elected" in the second sentence. The text to read "of four (4) or more elected or appointed council members".

Sec 8.7 (c) and (d) Consultant Beach will get clarification from the AG on the subject of super majority referred to in this section.

Sec 8.7 (c) add the words "or appointed" after the word "elected" in the second sentence. The text to read "vote of two-thirds (2/3) of elected or appointed council members..."

Sec 10.19 add a comma in the second sentence after the word "charges." Text to read "Any collection charges,"

Sec 10.24 the commission intends to make a statement in the charter that "No income tax shall be levied." Consultant Beach will provide acceptable text.

Sec 13.2 delete the words "AND SERVICES" in the title.

Sec 14.1 delete the word "and" in the fourth sentence before the words "public utilities..."

Sec 15.11 (j) move the words "for more than thirty (30) days unless the default is being tested in a court or tribunal." from the end of this section to the end of Sec 15.11 (i).

Sec 15.12 Consultant Beach will rewrite the beginning of this section for clarification.

Consultant Beach was called and asked for his input on these several changes. He will respond after consulting the AG office tomorrow. The commission then agreed to have a final meeting on Friday 6/26/09 at 3:00 P.M. to review the responses.

The proposed charter election was discussed at length as to when it could be held and who should conduct the election, the village or the townships. This question will be put to the county clerk for clarification with a report back to the commission at the next commission meeting.

Greene/Crutchfield move to adjourn at 7:00 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectively submitted

Don Duggar  
Clerk of the Charter Commission