



Village of Reminderville
Charter Review Commission
March 18, 2015

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Wiggins at 7:00pm

Roll Call

Ms. Basel, present
Ms. Jeromos-Blayney, present
Mr. Owcarz, present
Mr. Phillips, present
Mr. Wiggins, present

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Basel moved to approve minutes from March 11, 2015. Ms. Blayney seconded. All in favor.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Please state your name and address. Comments will be limited to five minutes per person, not to exceed thirty minutes for a total of all public comments.

There was a discussion among the Commission members, Councilmen DiCarlo and Molina, and resident Kirk Metzger regarding the Finance Committee not fulfilling their responsibilities and duties as worded in the Charter. Mr. Metzger feels they are not recommending fiscal policy to Council and he would also like to see more particulars in the minutes from budget recommendations. Mr. Phillips commented if the Finance Committee chooses not to recommend a policy to Council or if they are not doing so when they should be, that is something to discuss with them not something that needs to be amended in the Charter. Mr. Metzger suggested adding a definition to the term "fiscal policy" into the Charter. Mr. Wiggins stated a definition page for the whole Charter might be something to consider.

There was a discussion regarding the Committee of the Whole meetings. Mr. Metzger feels there is little or no discussion for the legislation before it is passed. He stated it would be easier for the residents to understand the legislation if it was explained and discussed by Council. Mr. Molina commented the legislation and attachments are available at Village Hall for anyone to look through if they don't understand something and he encouraged residents to attend meetings

and ask questions about legislation. It was also discussed to add the legislative attachments to the website.

Mr. Wiggins read the last item of issues from Mr. Barthelman's letter from last meeting. It suggested "adding a Charter statement or limitations set on the magnitude of expense and commitment Mayor and Council can commit the Village without requiring a referendum." Mr. Phillips asked about the threshold amount that is written about in Section 16.02 which reads, in part, that the Finance Committee shall review the financial aspects of all purchase orders exceeding a threshold amount established by Council, by which the Municipality incurs financial obligations. He feels the policy is there but there needs to be a procedure. Mr. Wiggins and Mr. Owcarz stated they looked at other Charters and there were not specific amounts given on the topic of thresholds. Ms. Blayney added that if there were a specific dollar amount written into the Charter, there would still be ways to get around that amount. Mr. Phillips asked if there should be a specific procedure that would take an issue to the public if Council did not have 2/3 of the vote to pass it. Mr. Molina responded, according to Section 4.11, a vote of 2/3 is required to pass legislation; if they do not have 2/3, the legislation just does not pass. Mr. Owcarz stated the Village elects their Mayor and their Council and there are checks and balances in place. The public can't vote on everything that is put in front of the Council; there has to be a trust that Village leaders will do the right thing. It was a general agreement that while a valid point was made, it was not appropriate to amend the Charter.

The Commission reviewed the revised proposal for Section 10.03 regarding classified and unclassified service in Article X Civil Service. The revisions were adding seasonal and temporary personnel to the unclassified list and adding promotional openings to the classified list. There was a discussion regarding the lack of definition for classified and unclassified terms in the Charter. The suggestion of a definitions page was brought up again. Ms. Basel then suggested rewriting the proposal so part (2) is consistent with the writing in part (1). The suggestion will be sent to Mr. Carpenter.

Next meeting is scheduled for April 1st.

Mr. Owcarz moved to adjourn. Ms. Blayney seconded. All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Task, Clerk of Council
Village of Reminderville

Rodney Wiggins, Chairman
Village of Reminderville

Date _____