

Meeting minutes Friday January 7, 2011, 10:00 a.m. Present Lynsey Weaver, Pete Olson, Kay McNitt. Steve Fields, and John E. Mogush

Items covered:

1. It was suggested that the meeting on the 18th with task force consultants not be an executive session but an administrative session - we will take a second look at that and notify the paper as required on what is decided.
2. We decided that public meetings for government structure input in advance would not be productive - citizens will want to see what is proposed then decide. It will be the responsibility of the committee and task force to justify what they recommend. Is it logical? Does it make sense? Is it appropriate for the area given population, area, and tax revenue?
3. Steve Fields and Pete Olson to talk to Jack Lutz and Doug Eckerty to make sure any consolidation in progress is grand-fathered in law if Township government is eliminated.
4. Three rough and abbreviated government structures over a spectrum were put on the board for discussion next meeting. It was also suggested for council that council be elected on two year terms with the president serving two years vs. one now. Kay McNitt will write this up for use our next meeting showing a place for more detail and for pro and con for each to arrive at structures to present to the full task force.

Lynsey Weaver - While we did not get to discuss details of representation this meeting, I would like to ask if you could be prepared for our next meeting to discuss representation. This would be a follow on of the great job where you detail and lay out an exact example using census tracks. Instead of detail if you be prepared to lead us in a general discussion of how we might set representation having seven, and nine on council - not permanent but to start immediately on consolidation. (Your recommendation on how this be done?) Please do consider the idea of representation by geographic area as well as by defined wards across the whole of the new consolidated town. Is this a practical / good idea? Ed Smith raised some intriguing issues on this - also some others on consolidation are looking at seven and nine with a scale back. The idea of nine to start would incorporate the trustee, and all three township board members that would move from one elected position to another as required. If you could then take us through what you would see as scale back to either five or seven in the coming election cycles. Benefit here is we give exposure to township representatives, get immediate township representation and offer the citizens more choice. How would we work the elections later by ward,? At large for some / all? Would appreciate your insight and if you could lead us in this discussion.

Our next meeting will 10:00a.m. next Friday January 14, 2011 at the operations building.
