

Government Structure Committee meeting September 20, 2010 + update w/o 9/20 latest information  
Present: Lynsey Weaver, Sharon Cheslik, Pete Olson, Matt Ray, and John Mogush

Lynsey Weaver reports she has the last census data, precinct data etc. She reviewed it with the committee and will get more data that may be better used to come up with fair and equitable representation in government and on boards and commissions. This would have to suffice until we have the latest 2010 census data also but even this may not work alone. Lynsey reports she has maps from GIS in hand that may help us. Looks like good progress.

Sharon Cheslik is heading up planning and zoning and we were able to have Matt Ray at our meeting; he handles Yorktown planning and zoning. They have agreed they will get with Marvin Strong, Delaware County Building Commissioner, and Phil Taylor, Delaware County Zoning Administrator, to discuss any transition to a combined Yorktown Mt. Pleasant Township and how we might get that done. Both Sharon and Matt know what they want to, and need to, bring about a successful transition.

John Mogush - economic development - met with Christopher Bearing President of the Yorktown Economic Development Commission 9/24. Excellent meeting overall - good exchange of information so Christopher knows what is happening. Economic Development, the commission, is mainly involved in residential abatements. The Yorktown Development Commission meets only as needed. Christopher is going to arrange a meeting with his wife on commercial development. All three of us are to discuss what we might do to expand economic development on consolidation.

9/24 met with Gary Birk, president the Yorktown Chamber of Commerce - this was a very good meeting with discussion about consolidation. Gary shared his thoughts on the new 32, rebuild of Tiger Drive, vacant store fronts, and the tough economic environment. Gary also shared his thoughts on the area out at I69. Gary's emphasis is on marketing with the chamber - locally, regionally, and at the state level. He is preparing a survey for chamber members that he hopes to have complete November this year. He will try to get information that will help them and us as it relates to economic development in the consolidated town.

Minutes by: John Mogush