

Village of Lake Isabella
Charter Review Committee
May 10, 2007

1096 Queens Way
Lake Isabella, MI, 48893

The Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM. by Kenney.

Members Present: Kenney, Whaley, Laraway, Perleberg, Hiither, and Grisdale
Members Absent: Zitzelberger

Business:

1. Review of Proposed Amendments

Proposed Amendment to 5.11: The Committee unanimously recommended this proposal to the Village Council which reads as follows:

Shall subsection (d) of Section 5.11(d) of the Charter of the Village of Lake Isabella be amended to provide that following the occurrence of a vacancy on the Village Council, if the Village Council does not make an appointment within forty-two (42) days, instead of thirty (30) days, the Village President shall make the appointment, so that the provisions of Section 5.11(d) read as follows:

Section 5.11 Vacancies; Removal from Office and Forfeiture of Office; Recall; Filling of Vacancies

(d) Filling of Vacancies.

A vacancy in the Village Council shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term, if any, at the next regular election. If the next regular election occurs more than 60 days from the date of the vacancy, the Council, by majority vote of all its remaining members, shall appoint a qualified person to fill the vacancy until the next regular election. If the Council fails to do so within forty-two (42) following the occurrence of the vacancy, the Village President shall make the appointment.

Notwithstanding the requirement in Section 6.05, if at any time the membership of the Council is reduced to less than four, the remaining members may by majority action appoint additional members to raise the membership to four.

Proposed Amendment 10.02(a): The Committee unanimously recommended this proposal to the Village Council which reads as follows:

Shall Section 10.02 of the Charter of the Village of Lake Isabella be amended and renumbered as Section 10.02(a) to provide that the ad valorem levy for general millage shall not exceed 1½ mills, in place of 1 mill, of assessed property value and to indicate that the general millage is operating millage, so that the provisions as amended read as follows:

Section 10.02 Limit of Direct Property Taxation

(a) General Operating Millage

Upon approval of this Charter, the annual general operating ad valorem tax levy for Village purposes shall not exceed one and one-half mills (1.5/10 of 1%) of the assessed value of real and personal property in the Village. This general operating tax limitation may be increased for a period of not to exceed three years at any one time to not more than 2 mills of the assessed valuation of such real and personal property by a majority vote of those electors voting thereon at any regular village election or special election called for that purpose.

Proposed Amendment 10.02(b): The Committee unanimously recommended this proposal to the Village Council which reads as follows:

Shall Section 10.02 of the Charter of the Village of Lake Isabella be amended to add a new subsection (b) to provide that beginning in 2008 the Village Council may levy ad valorem tax for public safety (police and fire) services at a rate not to exceed two (2) mills on the assessed value of property provided that Council adopts an ordinance authorizing the levy by a two-thirds (2/3) vote, so that the new subsection reads as follows:

(b) Public Safety; Police and Fire Services

Beginning in calendar year 2008 the Village Council may levy ad valorem tax at a rate not to exceed two (2) mills on the assessed value of real and personal property within the incorporated boundaries of the Village for the purpose of covering the costs for providing public safety (police and/or fire) services, provided that the Council adopts an ordinance authorizing such a levy by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of its members.

Proposed Amendment to 16.03: The Committee changed the proposed rate from two and one half to two. The Committee unanimously recommended this proposal to the Village Council as amended.

Shall Section 16.03 of the Charter of the Village of Lake Isabella be amended to remove the requirement that the question of a charter revision be placed before the electors at least every 10 years after 2007 and provide that after 2007 the question may be presented at other times as provided by statute, so that the provision reads as follows:

Section 16.03 Charter Revision

The question of revision of this Charter shall be placed before the electors of the Village at the general election in the year 2007, and thereafter may be presented at other times in the manner provided by statute.

Proposed Amendment to 5.03(A): The Committee unanimously recommended this proposal to the Village Council.

SECTION 5.03A ELIGIBILITY FOR OFFICE IN VILLAGE

No person shall hold any elective office of the Village unless he/she has been a resident of the Village for at least ninety (90) days immediately prior to the last day for

filing petitions for such office and is also a qualified and registered elector of the Village of Lake Isabella.

The Council shall be the sole judge of the election and qualification of its own members. All administrative officers shall be citizens of the United States. No elective officer may be appointed as an administrative officer or in any way be employed by the Village during the term of office for which he was elected, except that Council members may serve as firefighters.

Proposed Amendment to 18.04: At the request of the Village's legal counsel, the Committee unanimously agreed to not recommend the proposal to the Village Council.

Public Comments:

None

With no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.