

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDINGS
FRONT CONFERENCE ROOM
631 PERRY STREET – DEFLANCE, OH 43512**

**CHARTER REVIEW MEETING
TUESDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2014
OPENING COMMENTS – 6:03 p.m.**

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Introduction of Members: Charlie Beard- Chair, Clayton Crates, Joe Eureste, Darrell Handy, Savanna Weber and Lisa Elders-Council Clerk. Also, in attendance David Williams-Law Director and Todd Helberg-Defiance Crescent News**
- III. Mr. Williams gave a brief History of the Defiance City Charter that was introduced in 1983. The Ohio Constitution has a “home rule” amendment which basically says a local Municipality can govern itself.**
- (Mike McCann entered the meeting at 6:15), Mr. McCann noted Council is reviewing Council Rules and thanked everyone for their time towards the Charter. Mr. Beard asked Mr. McCann to let Council know; Council should review the Charter and notifying the Committee with any concerns/issues. Mr. Beard set a deadline of July 1st, 2014 for the Committee to finish reviewing the Charter, at which that time Council can review the recommendations from the Committee that will be put on the ballot.*
- Continuing on with Mr. Williams History of the Charter; to adopt the Charter it has to be done by popular election, the Charter limits anything that involves “Police Power”. The Charter can actually be different from State Law as long as it doesn’t conflict with it.*
- IV. Power of this Government:
Executive Power, Board of Control (BOC)
Mayor- Chairman
City Administrator – Member
Law Director-Member
Finance Director-Member
Majority Vote
Issues brought forward for discussion to BOC
A. Is it legal (Law Director)
B. Is it affordable (Finance Director)
C. Equipment & Manpower needed (City Administrator)
After all this, then it is determine if it is a good ideal in the first place and if the proposal gets through the BOC, then it usually goes to a Committee (Council is organized into Committees), then the Committee will bring recommendation to Council, then Council determines if it is a good idea. The Administration has a spending limit and anything over that spending limit will go before Council.**
- V. Mr. Beard noted in the Charter it does outline the responsibilities of a Charter Committee; Responsibilities to make recommendations to City Council; alterations, revisions or amendments to the Charter. Mr. Beard noted there are 8 articles in the Charter, the ninth being a transitional article. The Committee will look at 2 articles per monthly meeting, which will get us to the July 1st deadline.**
- VI. Next meeting March 25, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.**
- VII. Adjournment 7:16**

