

**Government Study Commission**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**August 13, 2013**

Committee members in attendance: William Berwick, Bert Lennon, David Sheridan, Blake Wilson, Robert Winston, Kenneth Womack, Stephen Hughes and Philip Shevlin. Alternate, John Sacrison. Absent from the meeting was James Flower.

Minutes from the August 6, 2013 were approved.

Action Items:

- Inquire if DCA would provide a face book link to the Government Study Commission on their website.
- Bert Lennon will maintain an excel spreadsheet with suggestions made from citizens to us a guideline for future references.
- The commission will contact their assigned Boroughs to gather information and discuss their issues with a Home Rule Charter. A summary report from each member will be presented to the commission.
- Schedule a public meeting to discuss specific topics such as police, tax collector, expenditures. Hold the public meeting at the Library. Create opened ended questions for the meeting that would encourage a response.
- Ken Womack will email Borough Councilor members to invite them to a Commission meeting or set up a meeting when they are available. He will also schedule a meeting with Matt Candland, the Borough Manager to discuss speaking to Borough staff.
- Four additional Commission meetings were added to the schedule, September 17, 24; October 1, 8, 2013. The additional meetings will be advertised in the newspaper.
- Commissioners will complete draft questions to be used for interviewing staff.

The Commission discussed how to educate the public on the Government Study Commission. Suggestions were for members of the commission attend neighborhood meeting, possibly write an editorial to the newspaper. The commission will contact the neighborhood groups and set up a night to attend their meetings.

The commission will decide if they want to pursue an optional form of government or a Home Rule Charter after researching the other municipalities that have previously adopted an optional form of government or home rule.

Mr. Roger Spitz 421 E. North Street, Carlisle Pennsylvania inquired if the Commission makes one or several changes to the present code, would a new charter be written? The Commission responded that they would write new charter or use a boiler plate of an optional form of Government.

Connie Bires, 257 Arch Street, Carlisle Pennsylvania asked if the information gathered from the other municipalities using a Home Rule form of government could be placed on the Borough website.

Ken Womack recommended posting on the Borough website a link to the other municipalities that have adopted a home rule charter.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 20, 2013 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Joyce Stone  
Borough Secretary