

Government Study Commission

April 15, 2014

Carlisle Borough Hall

Meeting Minutes

Commission members in attendance: Ken Womack, John Sacrison, Stephen Hughes, William Berwick, Robert Winston and Secretary Joyce Stone

Not in attendance at the meeting: David Sheridan, Bert Lennon, Blake Wilson, Phil Shevlin.

1. Call to Order

Ken Womack called the meeting to order.

2. Approve minutes

The April 1, 2014 minutes were approved.

3. Public Comment

None

4. New Business

The commission discussed the future meeting schedule. Dates to be advertised will be Tuesday, May 13, 20, 27 and a public hearing on Monday, June 2, 2014.

Ken Womack advised the members that the 1992 Government Study Commission budget did not appropriate money for legal fees, the assumption being that there were several lawyers on that commission. The commission agreed to investigate using a local lawyer who would be willing to review the charter and provide legal advice at pro bono or at a reduced rate.

5. Old Business

a) Committee Reports

○ Charter Development Committee

- The commission reviewed the procedure for developing the draft charter.
- A discussion on term limits was tabled until all commissioners are in attendance.
- Discussed purchasing, contracts and advertising fees and expressed a consensus that the charter should contain broad powers rather than more specific powers.
- Reviewed the ethics clause. No consensus reached. The commission will discuss this in more detail when all members are present.

○ Tax Collection

- No update

○ Citizen Participation

- No update

○ Government Structure

- No Update

- Miscellaneous
 - No Update
- Elections
 - No Update

6. Public Comment
None

7. Adjourn
Meeting was adjourned at 8:39PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Joyce Stone,
Borough Secretary