

Minutes – January 9, 2013
Ad Hoc Home Rule Study Committee

The Ad Hoc Home Rule Study Committee held a meeting in Conference Room C of the Municipal Building beginning at 7:00 p.m. Members present included: Bill Matthews, Geoff Hurd, Kevin Kearns, Mary Larsen, and Bradley Kitlowski, Nancy Carroll, and Chris Cahillane. Municipal Manager Steve Feller and Solicitor Phil Weis also attended the meeting.

There were no citizens present to provide citizen comments.

Mr. Kearns moved, and Mr. Hurd seconded to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2012 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The Committee reviewed a “side by side” document that was edited by Solicitor Weis on 1/9/13 that describes possible changes to the provisions in the Charter. The document has specific language that could be used as proposed adjustments to the charter.

There was extensive discussion on language concerning:

- Public notice provisions
- Responsibilities of the Treasurer and timing if the elected position is eliminated
- Tax Rate provisions; including requirement to a) abide by limits of first class townships, b) earned income tax increases, c) two mill tax limitation.

Mr. Matthews indicated that the committee should develop recommendation to the Commission on additional posting/advertising options.

Mr. Matthews also indicated that the next meeting on Feb. 6 would focus on the Feb. 12 presentation to the Commission. Commissioner Brumfield will be asked to attend the Feb. 6 meeting.

The Committee agreed that the next meeting would be held on February 6, 2013.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm