

MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL PARK

**MINUTES
OF
HOME RULE CHARTER STUDY COMMISSION MEETING**

Date: April 21, 2015

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Caucus Room – Municipal Building

1. Call to Order; Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson McLean at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Michael Dobos, James Hannan, Lorrie Gibbons, Tom Klevan, Christine McIntosh, Jim McLean, Connie Serdy, Carol Stewart

Absent: Brandon Colella, Joe Consolmagno, Paul Dixon,

Also Present: Robert L. McTiernan, Solicitor

2. Approval of Minutes of March 17, 2015 Meeting and Public Hearing

Motion and second to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2015 meeting as amended; Motion carried unanimously.

3. Reports from Commission Members of Home Rule Charters of Other Communities

- a. Tom Klevan – Township of Chester, Delaware County, PA
Council of six elected at-large; power consolidated in council; budget due by December 1 to be approved by December 20 annually; limitations on referendum and initiatives outlined.
- b. Jim Hannan – City of Greensburg, Westmoreland County, PA
Elected official are the Mayor, four at-large Council members, and the City Treasurer; Mayor and Council members have equal votes; Mayor is Council President; Five municipal departments with Mayor being the Director of Dept. of Public Affairs and Safety and four other Council members heading other departments; budget due November 1; limitations on referendum and initiatives outlined.

- c. Connie Serdy – Township of Upper St. Clair, Allegheny County, PA
Commission/Manager form of government; Seven member commission, 2 at-large, 5 by Ward; Township Manager is Chief Administrative Officer; budget submitted by November 1 and adopted by December 31; limitations on referendum and initiatives outlined.

4. Review of Chart of Comparison of Provisions of Home Rule Charters

The commission discussed the various provisions reviewed from the charters of other communities including the deadlines for reporting and adopting budgets and provisions on referendum and initiative and the consensus was to consider possible alternative provisions at the Commission's upcoming meetings. Council has adopted an ordinance for the November ballot regarding the Police Chief reporting to the Municipal Manager rather than the Council.

5. Public Comment

None

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.