

**Minutes – August 29, 2012**  
**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 7:15 p.m. Members present included: Bill Matthews, Geoff Hurd, Kevin Kearns, Mary Larsen, and Bradley Kitlowski. Nancy Carroll and Chris Cahillane were not present. Municipal Manager Steve Feller, Solicitor Phil Weis and Assistant Manager Marcia Taylor also attended the meeting.

Mr. Matthews asked for citizen comments. Bill Lewis of 816 Ridgeview Drive introduced himself to the Board as an interested citizen.

Mr. Kearns moved, and Ms. Larsen seconded to approve the minutes from the August 9, 2012 meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

Solicitor Weis discussed the advertising requirements in the Charter. He believes that certain sections of the Charter can be changed to give the Commission the authority to advertise in newspapers, through posting, or electronic means. However, other sections (such as zoning, sunshine law, and borrowing) are prescribed in State law.

Marcia Taylor explained the borrowing base calculation and gave examples of when the cap has posed problems for the municipality.

Mt. Lebanon's elected Treasurer, John Ferguson, described the history of the office. He believes that the current system of electing a Treasurer provides for a division of labor and separation of duties that is advisable from a financial control perspective.

The Committee then began a "section by section" review of the existing provisions in the Charter. They once again reviewed key provisions in Articles 1, 2, and 3 of the Charter. They also reviewed Articles 4 and 5. The issues they are currently considering are shown in the updated "side by side" comparison document.

The upcoming meetings of the Committee are scheduled for:

- Wednesday, September 19 beginning at 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 3 beginning at 7 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.