

**BOROUGH OF HOMESTEAD
221 EAST 7TH AVENUE
HOMESTEAD, PA 15120**

**COUNCIL REORGANIZATION MEETING MINUTES
02 January 2018
5:00 P.M.**

THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WERE SWORN INTO ELECTED OFFICE

Ms. Betty Esper as Mayor by Mr. Drew Borcik
Mr. Drew Borcik as Councilmember by Mayor Esper
Ms. Lynette Mariner as Councilmember by Mayor Esper
Mr. Lloyd Cunningham as Councilmember by Mayor Esper
Mrs. Kimberly Fowler as Councilmember by Mayor Esper
Ms. Mary Nesby as Councilmember by Mayor Esper
Ms. Teresa Jenkins as Tax Collector by Mayor Esper

Mayor Esper called the meeting to order.

The pledge of allegiance was led by the Mayor.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS RESPONDED TO ROLL CALL

ROLL CALL: Ms. Nesby – Present
 Mrs. Fowler – Present
 Ms. Mariner – Present
 Ms. Burwell – Present
 Mr. Cunningham – Present
 Rev. Benton – Present
 Mr. Borcik – Present
 Mayor Esper – Present
 Police Chief DeSimone – Present
 Assistant Fire Chief Tim Eads – Absent
 Engineer Gilliland – Absent
 Solicitor Bernie Schneider – Present
 Building Inspector Dan Hankins – Absent
 Code Enforcement Officer Shunta Parme – Absent
 Borough Manager Matt Staniszewski – Present

REQUEST TO BE ON THE AGENDA

- None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

- None

MOTIONS

- M-1** Mayor Esper opened the floor for Nomination and Election of Borough Council President. Mrs. Fowler nominated Mr. Borcik. Upon no further nominations, the Mayor closed the floor for nominations. Upon roll call vote, Ms. Nesby, Mrs. Fowler, Ms. Mariner, Ms. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham and Rev. Benton voted yes. Mr. Borcik abstained citing a conflict of interest as the motion involved his appointment as President. Motion/nomination carried 6 – 0.
- M-2** Mayor Esper opened the floor for Nomination and Election of Borough Council Vice President. Ms. Burwell nominated Rev. Benton. Upon no further nominations, the Mayor closed the floor for nominations. Upon roll call vote, Ms. Nesby, Mrs. Fowler, Ms. Mariner, Ms. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Borcik voted yes. Rev. Benton abstained citing a conflict of interest as the motion involved her appointment as Vice President. Motion/nomination carried 6 – 0.
- M-3** Motion and nomination was made by Mr. Cunnighman, Seconded by Ms. Mariner for the Reappointment of Brucker Schneider & Porter as Borough Solicitor. Upon roll call vote, Ms. Nesby, Mrs. Fowler, Ms. Mariner, Ms. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham, Rev. Benton and Mr. Borcik voted yes. Motion/nomination carried 7 – 0.
- M-4** Motion and nomination was made by Ms. Burwell, Seconded by Rev. Benton for the Reappointment of Glenn Engineering as Borough Engineer. Upon roll call vote, Ms. Nesby, Mrs. Fowler, Ms. Mariner, Ms. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham, Rev. Benton and Mr. Borcik voted yes. Motion/nomination carried 7 – 0.
- M-5** Motion and nomination was made by Rev. Benton, Seconded by Mrs. Fowler for the Reappointment of First Commonwealth Bank as Primary Depository. Upon roll call vote, Ms. Nesby, Mrs. Fowler, Ms. Mariner, Ms. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham, Rev. Benton and Mr. Borcik voted yes. Motion/nomination carried 7 – 0.
- M-6** Motion and nomination was made by Ms. Nesby, Seconded by Mrs. Fowler for the Reappointment of Valley Mirror as Primary Newspaper for Advertisements and the Tribune Review and/or Pittsburgh Post-Gazette as Secondary Newspapers for Advertisements. Upon roll call vote, Ms. Nesby, Mrs. Fowler, Ms. Mariner, Ms. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham, Rev. Benton and Mr. Borcik voted yes. Motion/nomination carried 7 – 0.

- M-7** Motion was made by Mr. Cunningham, Seconded by Ms. Mariner, to pay the bills as per the December bill lists and the 2017 year end bills in the amount of \$266,723.13. Ms. Burwell questioned why the figure was different from the original agenda. Mr. Borcik explained council is approving the December bill lists previously supplied to Council during December and 2017 year end bills. Upon roll call vote, Ms. Mariner, Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Borcik voted yes. Ms. Burwell voted no. Ms. Nesby, Mrs. Fowler and Rev. Benton abstained, no reason provided. Motion carried 3 – 0 (6 – 0 including abstained).
- M-8** Motion was made by Mrs. Fowler, Seconded by Rev. Benton, to approve the minutes of the December 14th, 2017 meeting of Homestead Borough Council. Upon voice vote, motion carried 5 – 0 with Ms. Burwell voting no and Ms. Mariner abstaining citing that she was not present at the December 14th, 2017 meeting.

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Burwell at approximately 5:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew D. Staniszewski, MBA, EDFP
Borough Business Manager/Secretary
Chief of Administration