

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

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
28 March 2018
5:15 P.M.**

An Executive Session was held to discuss potential litigation.

Mr. Borcik called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00PM.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS RESPONDED TO ROLL CALL

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

REQUEST TO BE ON THE AGENDA

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Ms. Teresa Jenkins addressed Council to discuss provisions regarding removal from Elected Office as well as Tax Collector Code and the placement of a drop box for tax payments.

MOTIONS

M-1 Mr. Borcik opened the floor for Nomination and Election of Tax Collector. Ms. Burwell nominated Ms. Teresa Jenkins. Upon no further nominations, Mr. Borcik closed the floor for nominations. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mrs. Fowler, Rev. Benton, Ms. Burwell, Ms. Nesby, Ms. Mariner and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion/nomination carried 7 – 0.

- M-2** Mr. Borcik opened the floor for Nomination and Appointment of Deputy Tax Collector and enable Jordan Tax Services to assist the Office of Tax Collector. Rev. Benton nominated Ms. Alice Paylor. Upon no further nominations, Mr. Borcik closed the floor for nominations. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mrs. Fowler, Rev. Benton, Ms. Burwell, Ms. Nesby, Ms. Mariner and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion/nomination carried 7 – 0.
- M-3** Motion was made by Rev. Benton, Seconded by Ms. Burwell, to adopt RESOLUTION 2018-04: Declaring the Office of Tax Collector Vacant and Appoint Ms. Teresa Jenkins as Tax Collector to Allegheny County. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mrs. Fowler, Rev. Benton, Ms. Burwell, Ms. Nesby and Ms. Mariner voted yes. Mr. Cunningham voted no citing that Ms. Teresa Jenkins was already the Elected Tax Collector. Motion carried 6 – 1.
- M-4** Motion was made by Mr. Cunningham, Seconded by Ms. Mariner, to pay the bills per the bill list in the amount of \$22,526.26 plus the \$200 reimbursement to Ms. Teresa Jenkins for Tax Collector Certification. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Rev. Benton, Ms. Nesby, Ms. Mariner and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Ms. Burwell voted no. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- Mrs. Fowler disconnected from phone conference.
- M-5** Motion was made by Mr. Cunningham, Seconded by Rev. Benton, to approve \$81.50 for filing fees with Allegheny County for the Tax Collector Office. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Rev. Benton, Ms. Burwell, Ms. Nesby, Ms. Mariner and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried 6 – 0.
- M-6** Motion was made by Mr. Cunningham, Seconded by Ms. Mariner, to the purchase of playground equipment from Kompan via the U.S. Communities contract #2017001135 in the amount of \$49,825.45 for McClean Playground, with 50% reimbursement from DCNR grant #BRC-PRD-21-95 and 50% from 18/462-000 as part of the United Way Day of Caring Renovation Project. Ms. Nesby questioned how the equipment was selected. Mr. Cunningham cited the DCNR grant and the Multi-Municipal Recreation Plan. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Rev. Benton, Ms. Mariner and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Ms. Burwell abstained, no reason provided. Ms. Nesby voted no. Motion carried 4 – 0.
- M-7** Motion was made by Ms. Nesby, Seconded by Ms. Mariner, to remove Mr. Borcik as Council President. Upon roll call vote, Rev. Benton, Ms. Burwell, Ms. Nesby, Ms. Mariner and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Mr. Borcik voted no. Motion carried 5 – 1.

M-7 Council Vice President Rev. Benton opened the floor for nomination of Council President. Motion was made by Ms. Nesby, Seconded by Ms. Mariner, to appoint Mr. Cunningham as Council President. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik Rev. Benton, Ms. Nesby and Ms. Mariner voted yes. Ms. Burwell voted no. Mr. Cunningham abstained citing a conflict of interest as he is the one being appointed. Motion carried 4 – 1.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Borough Business Manager/Secretary
Chief of Administration*