

**BOROUGH OF HOMESTEAD  
221 EAST 7<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE  
HOMESTEAD, PA 15120**

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
17 May 2018  
6:00 P.M.**

An Executive Session was held prior to meeting to discuss Personnel.

Rev. Benton called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00PM.

**THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS RESPONDED TO ROLL CALL**

ROLL CALL:           Ms. Nesby – Present  
                          Mrs. Fowler – Present  
                          Ms. Mariner – Present  
                          Ms. Burwell – Present  
                          Mr. Cunningham – Absent  
                          Rev. Benton – Present  
                          Mr. Borcik – Present  
                          Mayor Esper – Present  
                          Police Chief DeSimone – Present  
                          Assistant Fire Chief Tim Eads – Absent  
                          Engineer Gilliland – Absent  
                          Solicitor Joe Heminger – Present  
                          Building Inspector Dan Hankins – Absent  
                          Code Enforcement Officer Shunta Parms – Present  
                          Borough Manager Warren Cecconi – Present  
                          Tax Collector- Teresa Kenkins

**REQUEST TO BE ON THE AGENDA**

Lynn Settles reviewed with Council the 2018 17<sup>th</sup>. Annual Project Chuck Summer Program starting May 19,2018 at Barrett Elementary School and the Borough playground. Council approved program and gave Lynn Settles permission to use playground

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Elizabeth Geis presented the Police Department with a check for \$750.00 to be used as needed. A fundraiser was held at the Waterfront. Council thanked Elizabeth Geis and her group.

Drew Borcik stepped down from the platform and addressed Council as a citizen. Drew stated he wanted to set the record straight. Drew stated he has been accused of being racist, He stated that in no way is he a racist and wanted everyone to know this. He then reviewed his interactions with the Tax Collector, Teresa Jenkins. Drew wanted to assure everyone he has no problem with the Tax Collector

### **MOTIONS**

**M-1** Motion was made by Ms. Burwell, Seconded by Ms. Mariner, to pay the bills per the bill list in the amount of \$215,867.27. Upon voice vote motion carried 6-0

**M-2** Motion was made by Mrs. Fowler, Seconded by Ms. Nesby to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on May 8, 2018. Upon voice vote motion carried 6-0

**M-3** Motion was Ms. Nesby, Seconded by Ms. Burwell to hire Lisa Brooks as a part time clerk for thirty hours per week at an hourly rate of \$10.00. Starting date of May 21, 2018. Upon roll call vote, Ms. Nesby, Mrs. Fowler Ms. Mariner, Ms. Burwell. Mr. Borcik and Rev. Benton vote yes. Mr. Cunningham was absent. Motion carried 6-0

**M-4** Motion was made by Ms. Mariner, Seconded by Ms. Burwell to reappoint Duane Shulte to a 6-year term on the Civil Service Commission with a retroactive date of January 31, 2017 Upon roll call vote, Ms. Nesby, Mrs. Fowler Ms. Mariner, Ms. Burwell. Mr. Borcik and Rev. Benton vote yes. Mr. Cunningham was absent. Motion carried 6-0

**M-5** Motion was made by Ms. Mariner, Seconded by Ms. Nesby to approve the Main Street TIF request to provide landscaping along 8<sup>th</sup>. Avenue at no cost to the Borough. Estimated cost of project \$32,000.00. Upon roll call vote, Ms. Nesby, Mrs. Fowler Ms. Mariner, Ms. Burwell. Mr. Borcik and Rev. Benton vote yes. Mr. Cunningham was absent. Motion carried 6-0

**M-6** Motion was made by Ms. Burwell, Seconded by Mrs. Fowler to purchase a replacement pump for the Waterfront pump station at a cost of \$4747.00 as recommended by the Certified Plumbing Inspector, Mike Zrenchak. Upon roll call vote, Ms. Nesby, Mrs. Fowler Ms. Mariner, Ms. Burwell. Mr. Borcik and Rev. Benton vote yes. Mr. Cunningham was absent. Motion carried 6-0

**M-7** Motion was made by Ms. Burwell, Seconded by Ms. Nesby, to accept the proposal Sports & Recreation Associates in the amount of \$8,800.00 to repair the rubber

surface repair the foundation and provide two concrete tables for McLean Playground. Upon roll call vote, Ms. Nesby, Mrs. Fowler Ms. Mariner, Ms. Burwell. Mr. Borcik and Rev. Benton vote yes. Mr. Cunningham was absent. Motion carried 6-0

**M-8** Motion was made by Mr. Borcik, Seconded by Ms. Burwell to appoint Joe Derry as Emergency Management Coordinator. Upon roll call vote, Ms. Nesby, Mrs. Fowler Ms. Mariner, Ms. Burwell. Mr. Borcik and Rev. Benton vote yes. Mr. Cunningham was absent. Motion carried 6-0

**M-9** Motion was made by Ms. Burwell, Seconded Ms. Espy to rescind notice the March 22, 2018 notice of intention to terminate the contract between the Borough of Homestead and BFI Waste Services of Pennsylvania LLC, doing business as Republic Services of Pittsburgh for collection and disposal of solid waste. Upon roll call vote, Ms. Nesby, Mrs. Fowler Ms. Mariner, Ms. Burwell. Mr. Borcik and Rev. Benton vote yes. Mr. Cunningham was absent. Motion carried 6-0

**M-10** Motion was made by Ms. Mariner, Seconded by Mr. Borcik to approve Change Order No. 1 for the CD43 Street Reconstruction Project, adding the paving of W. 9<sup>th</sup>. Avenue from West to Hays at a cost of \$31,670.00. Upon roll call vote, Ms. Nesby, Mrs. Fowler Ms. Mariner, Ms. Burwell. Mr. Borcik and Rev. Benton vote yes. Mr. Cunningham was absent. Motion carried 6-0

**M-11** Motion was made by Ms. Nesby, Seconded by Ms. Burwell to terminate the employment of Homestead Borough Manager/ Secretary Matthew Staniszewski effectively immediately. Upon roll call vote, Ms. Nesby, Ms. Mariner, Ms. Burwell. and Rev. Benton vote yes. Mr. Borcik and Mrs. Fowler voted no Mr. Cunningham was absent. Motion carried 4-2

**M-12** Motion was made by Ms. Burwell, Seconded by Ms. Nesby to advertise for a Borough Manager. Upon roll call vote, Ms. Nesby, Ms. Mariner, Ms. Burwell. Mr. Borcik and Rev. Benton vote yes. Ms. Fowler abstained. Cunningham was absent. Motion carried 5-0-1 abstention

**M-13** Motion was made by Ms. Mariner, Seconded by Mr. Borcik to authorize the Civil Service Commission to conduct testing for the position of Sargant. Upon roll call vote, Ms. Nesby, Mrs. Fowler Ms. Mariner, Ms. Burwell. Mr. Borcik and Rev. Benton vote yes. Mr. Cunningham was absent. Motion carried 6-0

### **PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL**

In President Cunningham's absent V. President Rev. Benton reported on the following:  
Community Day will be July 7, 2017  
Har to recycle items will be recycled sometime this summer  
Work on the Homestead Gray's Bridge this year will require lane restrictions  
Learn an Earn Program time to apply is ending shortly  
Welcomed the LGA Intern

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

No report

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Dave Gilliland gave the report. Demolition on several buildings will start in June and the Road paving program will start Friday. A copy was submitted to Council.

### **MAYOR ESPER**

Reported on the following:

A Memorial Day Parade will be held along with a service at the Cemetery  
There is a upcoming March for Hunger  
Road Paving Program will start tomorrow

### **CHIEF OF POLICE**

Chief DeSimone reviewed his written report highlighting several items.  
A copy has been submitted to Council

### **FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Department had submitted a written report to Council

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Shaunta Parns reviewed the monthly report A copy was submitted to Council.

### **BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT**

No report

### **TAX COLLECTOR REPORT-**

Mrs. Perkins updated Council on tax collection activities. She has collected \$735,905.74 to date

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Warren Cecconi  
*Borough Manager/Secretary*