

**BOROUGH OF HOMESTEAD
AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING OF
May 16, 2019
6:00 P.M.**

President Cunningham called the May 16, 2019 regular meeting of the Homestead Borough Council to order at 6:10p.m. President Cunningham asked Mayor Esper to lead the pledge of allegiance and asked for a moment of silence for those in the community that recently passed away.

PRESENT FOR ROLL CALL

President Cunningham, Rev. Louise Benton, Ms. Wanda Burwell, Ms. Mary Nesby, Mrs. Kim Fowler, Mayor Esper, Police Chief DeSimone, Engineer Gilliland, Solicitor Heminger, Building Inspector Hankins and Manager Zang. Mr. Drew Borcik, Ms. Lynette Mariner and Deputy Fire Chief, Tim Eads were absent.

1. REQUEST TO BE ON AGENDA

Hendry White- Resident of E. 16th Avenue addressed his concern with political signs being removed without permission.

2. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION- none

Please sign in to address Council. The sign in sheet is at the podium. Thank you.

3. DEPARTMENT REPORTS- Please keep to 3 minutes or less

President of Council, Lloyd Cunningham- thanked everyone for the thoughts and prayers after the passing of his mother.

Borough Solicitor- nothing to report

Borough Engineer- read written report

Mayor Esper- spoke about events happening around the area and recent deaths.

Chief of Police- read written report for April 2019.

Code Enforcement- read written report for April 2019.

Manager- provided call statistics for the robo calls for the borough, events happening in community and provided the collection totals for parking for the month of April 2019.

4. MOTIONS

a. A motion was made by Ms. Burwell, seconded by Rev. Benton to approve the Minutes of the April 2019 meetings. All were in favor, motion carried.

b. A motion was made by Ms. Burwell, seconded by Mrs. Fowler to pay the bills as per the bill lists dated May 10, 2019 in the amount of \$326,474.23. Upon roll call vote, Ms. Nesby, Mrs. Fowler, Ms. Burwell, Rev. Benton and President Cunningham were in favor, motion carried.

- c. A motion was made by Ms. Nesby, seconded by Ms. Burwell to advertise an ordinance entering into an intergovernmental agreement with Swissvale Borough for trash collection in the Borough of Homestead. Upon roll call vote, Ms. Nesby, Mrs. Fowler, Ms. Burwell, Rev. Benton and President Cunningham were in favor, motion carried.
- d. A motion was made by Mrs. Fowler, seconded by Ms. Burwell to direct engineer to prepare and advertise the bid specifications for the retaining wall repairs located on the Baker property (200 E. 11th Ave). Upon roll call vote, Ms. Nesby, Mrs. Fowler, Ms. Burwell, Rev. Benton and President Cunningham were in favor, motion carried.
- e. A motion was made by Rev. Benton, seconded by Ms. Nesby to direct the engineer to survey the Baker property. Upon roll call vote, Ms. Nesby, Mrs. Fowler, Ms. Burwell, Rev. Benton and President Cunningham were in favor, motion carried.
- f. A motion was made by Mrs. Fowler, seconded by Ms. Nesby to approve the MOU between the Borough of Homestead and the Steel Valley School District as amended by the Borough Solicitor. All were in favor, motion carried.
- g. A motion was made by Rev. Benton, seconded by Ms. Nesby to adopt Resolution No. 2019-7 approving the acquisition and subsequent disposition of numerous parcels of vacant property known as block and lot numbers 130-K-189 and 130-K-186. Upon roll call vote, Ms. Nesby, Mrs. Fowler, Ms. Burwell, Rev. Benton and President Cunningham were in favor, motion carried.
- h. A motion was made by Ms. Burwell, seconded by Mrs. Fowler to adopt Resolution No. 2019-8 approving the acquisition and subsequent disposition of numerous parcels of vacant property known as block and lot number 130-H-221. Upon roll call vote, Ms. Nesby, Mrs. Fowler, Ms. Burwell and President Cunningham were in favor, Rev. Benton abstained, motion carried.
- i. A motion was made by Rev. Benton, seconded by Ms. Nesby to adopt Resolution No. 2019-9 request a Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP) grant of \$112,200.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for GAP Trail River Overlook. All were in favor, motion carried.
- j. A motion was made by Ms. Burwell, seconded by Ms. Nesby to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for façade renovations on property located at 326 East 8th Avenue as recommended by the Steel Valley Historic Review Board on May 1, 2019. All were in favor, motion carried.
- k. A motion was made by Ms. Nesby, seconded by Mrs. Fowler to approve the Land Development for façade renovations on property located at 162 East Bridge Street (former Macy's) in the Waterfront Development District of the 1st Ward as

recommended by the Planning Commission of Homestead Borough on April 24, 2019. All were in favor, motion carried.

- l. A motion was made by Rev. Benton, seconded by Ms. Nesby to authorize the Borough to enter into the proposed settlement agreement with the former appointed tax collector, Ms. Teresa Jenkins, concerning reimbursement of 2018 Tax Certification fees. Upon roll call vote, Ms. Nesby, Mrs. Fowler, Ms. Burwell, Rev. Benton and President Cunningham were in favor, motion carried.

- m. A motion was made by Ms. Burwell, seconded by Mrs. Fowler for the engineer to prepare bid specifications for sewer repairs related to the consent order with Alcosan. All were in favor, motion carried.

MOTION TO ADJOURN the meeting was adjourned at 7:35p.m.