

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

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**JANUARY 16, 2020  
6:03 P.M.**

Council President, Rev. Benton called the January 16, 2020 regular meeting of the Homestead Borough Council to order. Mayor Esper was asked to lead the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Esper talked about Helen Longwen, a nurse from WWII who served at the Battle of the Bulge and was 100 when she passed.

**THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS RESPONDED TO ROLL CALL:** Drew Borcik, Wanda Burwell, Min. Connie Burwell, Lloyd Cunningham, Don Dais, Mary Nesby, Rev. Louise Benton, Mayor Esper, Chief DeSimone, Fire Chief Eads, Engineer Gilliland, Solicitor Heminger and Building Inspector Hankins.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

None.

**M-1** A motion was made by Min. Burwell, seconded by Ms. Nesby to approve the minutes from the December 2019 and January 6, 2020 meetings. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Min. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Dais, Ms. Nesby and Rev. Benton voted yes. Ms. Burwell voted no. Motion carried.

**President of Council**

Rev. Benton gave her report.

**Borough Solicitor**

No Report

**Borough Engineer**

Engineer Gilliland gave his report.

**M-2** A motion was made by Mr. Borcik, seconded by Ms. Burwell to approve the Change order #2. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Ms. Burwell, Min. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Dais, Ms. Nesby and Rev. Benton voted yes. Motion carried.

**M-3** A motion was made by Mr. Borcik, seconded by Ms. Nesby to reject all bids. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Ms. Burwell, Min. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Dais, Ms. Nesby and Rev. Benton voted yes. Motion carried.

**Mayor**

Mayor gave her report.

**Fire Chief Eads**

Fire Chief gave his report.

**Police Chief DeSimone**

Police Chief gave his report.

**Code Mr. Hankins**

Mr. Hankins gave his report.

**Manager**

Rev. Benton gave the report.

Ms. Chapman talked about MAPS.

**M-4** A motion was made by Mr. Dais, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to pay the bills as per the bill list dated January 13, 2020 in the amount of \$47,976.87. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Min. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Dais, and Rev. Benton voted yes. Ms. Burwell and Ms. Nesby voted no. Motion carried.

**M-5** A motion was made by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Ms. Nesby to accept the 2018 DCED Audit Report. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Ms. Burwell, Min. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Dais, Ms. Nesby and Rev. Benton voted yes. Motion carried.

**M-6** A motion was made by Ms. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to exonerate Alice Paylor-Dais, Tax Collector from all 2019 uncollected taxes in the amount of \$126,923.91 and turn them over to Keystone Collections. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Ms. Burwell, Min. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Dais, Ms. Nesby and Rev. Benton voted yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Dais recused himself from the previous Motion.

- M-7** A motion was made by Mr. Borcik, seconded by Ms. Nesby to authorize the quote received from Hruska Mechanical in the amount of \$6,789.21 for the replacement of the boiler at the Fire Department. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Ms. Burwell, Min. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Dais, Ms. Nesby and Rev. Benton voted yes. Motion carried.
- M-8** A motion was made by Mr. Borcik, seconded by Ms. Nesby to authorize settlement of former Tax Collector, Joyce Stype's claim for reimbursement of tax certification fees for \$6,000.00 contingent on Ms. Stype executing the Release of Claims for prepared by the Solicitor. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Min. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Dais, Ms. Nesby and Rev. Benton voted yes. Ms. Burwell voted no. Motion carried.
- M-9** A motion was made by Ms. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Dais to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

Council adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The Homestead Borough Council meeting of January 16, 2020 was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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