

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

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
12 January 2017
7:00 P.M.**

Mr. Cunningham called the meeting to order.

The pledge of allegiance was lead by the Mayor.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS RESPONDED TO ROLL CALL

ROLL CALL: Rev. Turner – Present
 Rev. Benton – Present
 Ms. Mariner – Present
 Ms. Burwell – Present
 Mr. Borcik – Present
 Ms. Broadwater – Present
 Mr. Cunningham – Present
 Mayor Esper – Present
 Police Chief DeSimone – Present
 Engineer Gilliland – Present
 Solicitor Bernie Schneider – Present
 Building Inspector Dan Hankins – Absent
 Borough Manager Matt Staniszewski – Present

REQUEST TO BE ON THE AGENDA

None

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

None

MOTIONS

- M-1** Motion was made by Mr. Borcik, Seconded by Ms. Mariner, to pay the bills as per the bill list(s) in the amount of \$347,107.85. Upon roll call vote, Rev. Turner, Rev. Benton, Ms. Mariner, Mr. Borcik, and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Ms. Broadwater and Ms. Burwell voted no. Motion carried 5 – 2.
- M-2** Motion was made by Ms. Broadwater, Seconded by Mr. Borcik, to approve the minutes of the December 8th, 2016 and January 9th, 2017 meetings of Homestead Borough Council. Upon voice vote, motion carried 7 – 0.

- M-3** Motion was made by Ms. Burwell, Seconded by Ms. Mariner, to accept the Civil Service List. Upon voice vote, motion carried 7 – 0.
- M-4** Motion was made by Ms. Burwell, Seconded by Ms. Mariner, to hire Anna Jandric as a part-time police officer, at an hourly rate of \$15.77 with a hiring date of 05 February 2017, pending a background check, psychological and physical evaluations, interview and/or any other requirements of the Mayor and Police Chief. Upon roll call vote, Rev. Turner, Rev. Benton, Ms. Mariner, Ms. Burwell, Mr. Borcik, Ms. Broadwater and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.
- M-5** Motion was made by Ms. Burwell, Seconded by Mr. Borcik, to hire Adam Greenebaum as a part-time police officer, at an hourly rate of \$15.77 with a hiring date of 19 February 2017, pending a background check, psychological and physical evaluations, interview and/or any other requirements of the Mayor and Police Chief. Upon roll call vote, Rev. Turner, Rev. Benton, Ms. Mariner, Ms. Burwell, Mr. Borcik, Ms. Broadwater and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.
- M-6** Motion was made by Ms. Mariner, Seconded by Ms. Broadwater, to approve the 2017-2018 Traffic Signal Repair service contract with Traffic control Equipment and Supplies Co, Inc. Upon roll call vote, Rev. Turner, Rev. Benton, Ms. Mariner, Ms. Burwell, Mr. Borcik, Ms. Broadwater and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.
- M-7** Motion was made by Ms. Burwell, Seconded by Ms. Broadwater, to approve Resolution 2017-01: DCED Keystone Communities Grant Application – Façade Program. Upon voice vote, motion carried 7 – 0.
- M-8** Motion was made by Ms. Mariner, Seconded by Ms. Burwell, to approve Resolution 2017-02: DCED Keystone Communities Grant Application – Planning Grant for 7th Avenue Multi-Modal Project. Upon voice vote, motion carried 7 – 0.
- M-9** Motion was made by Ms. Broadwater, Seconded by Ms. Burwell, to approve Resolution 2017-03: PHFA Grant – Affordable Housing Project. Upon voice vote, motion carried 7 – 0.
- M-10** Motion was made by Ms. Mariner, Seconded by Mr. Borcik, to approve Resolution 2017-04: CITF Grant Application – Hazel Way Sewer Separation Phase 01. Upon voice vote, motion carried 7 – 0.

- M-11** Motion was made by Mr. Borcik, Seconded by Ms. Broadwater, to approve Resolution 2017-05: Local Government Academy 2017 Grant Application / Intern program. Upon voice vote, motion carried 7 – 0.
- M-12** Motion was made by Mr. Borcik, Seconded by Ms. Mariner, to reappoint Lloyd Cunningham and Duane Schulte to the Board of Directors of the Steel Valley Enterprise Zone Corporation (2 year term), effective 01 January 2017. Upon voice vote, motion carried 7 – 0.
- M-13** Motion was made by Ms. Broadwater, Seconded by Mr. Borcik, to appoint Matt Staniszewski to the Board of Directors of the Steel Valley Enterprise Zone Corporation (2 year term), effective 01 January 2017. Upon voice vote, motion carried 7 – 0.
- M-14** Motion was made by Ms. Mariner, Seconded by Mr. Borcik, to authorize Glenn Engineering to submit of letter of intent for a GROW application. The Mayor asked it that includes doing handicap ramps. Mr. Cunningham indicated if the sidewalks are disturbed, they will have to be done. Upon voice vote, motion carried 7 – 0.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Mr. Cunningham congratulated the Steel Valley School District and being all stars to the state. He indicated more inquiries are coming from businesses wanting to move to town.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Gilliland gave his report. A copy was submitted to Council.

MAYOR ESPER

No report.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief DeSimone reviewed his written report highlighting several items.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

No report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Mr. Hankins read the Code Enforcement's report. A copy was submitted to Council.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr. Staniszewski gave his report. A copy was submitted to Council.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Ms. Burwell indicated we recently met with PA Water and that it was very informative meeting. She recommended we continue to look into the hydrants especially where it splits on the type of hydrants at West Street. Ms. Burwell indicated she is going to follow up.

Duane Schulte thanked Council for reappointing him to the enterprise zone board.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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