

BOROUGH OF HOMESTEAD
Meeting Minutes for the Council of the Borough of Homestead Pennsylvania
February 14, 2019
5:50 P.M.

President of Council- Opened up with Public Hearing for Liquor License @ 145 East 8th Avenue to be transferred to Joe Deasy. No opposing objections were made. Closed Public Hearing.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER - President Lloyd Cunningham**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- President Lloyd Cunningham**
- 3. ROLL CALL:**
 - President Cunningham-present**
 - Rev. Benton – Present**
 - Mr. Borcik – Present**
 - Ms. Burwell – Present**
 - Ms. Mariner – Present**
 - Ms. Nesby – Present**
 - Mrs. Fowler – Present**
 - Mayor Esper--Absent**
 - Police Chief DeSimone – Present**
 - Engineer Gilliland – Present**
 - Solicitor Jim Heminger-Present**
 - Building Inspector Dan Hankins – Present**
 - Borough Manager Lauren Zang – Present**
- 4. REQUEST TO BE ON AGENDA- NONE**
- 5. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION-Cheryl Chapman Presented a question regarding prior tax collector not being exonerated.**
- 6. MOTIONS**
 - a. Motion was made by Mrs. Fowler and Seconded by Mr. Borcik to approve the Minutes for January 14, 2019. All in Favor (I) Motion carries 7-0.**
 - b. Motion was made by Rev. Benton and Seconded by Ms. Nesby to pay the bill lists dated February 8, 2019 in the amount of \$228,292.03. All in favor. Motion carries. 7-0.**
 - c. Motion was made by Ms. Burwell and Seconded by Rev. Benton to purchase a 2019 Ford Fiesta from C. Harper Ford in the amount of \$15,166.08 for Code Enforcement and other Borough business All in favor. Motions carries. 7-0.**

- d. Motion was made by Ms. Burwell and Seconded by Rev. Benton to hire Luann Daugherty at \$12.67 for a Crossing Guard contingent upon background check. All in Favor. Motion carries 7-0.**
- e. Motion was made by Ms. Nesby and Seconded by Mr. Borcik to award the bid to paint the interior of the building to RGH Painting In the amount of \$21,200.00 All in favor. Motion carries 7-0.**

Mr. Gilliland reported, there were 6 bids total, 7 Firms had showed interest with the Highest bid of \$65,777.00 The bids had closed on February 8, 2019.

- f. Motion was made by Ms. Mariner and Seconded by Mr. Borcik to award the bid to purchase the 2007 Ford F550 to Kevin McWilliams in the of \$7500.00 All in favor. Motion carries 7-0.**
- g. Motion was made by Mr. Borcik and Seconded by Mrs. Fowler to adopt the language regarding Job Abandonment for the Employee Handbook. All in favor. Motion carries 7-0.**
- h. Motion was made by Mr. Borcik and Seconded by Mrs. Fowler to direct the Solicitor to prepare a First Draft Resolution specifying conditions for the possible 12th Avenue Alcosan project. All in favor. Motion carries 7 -0.**
- i. Motion was made by Mr. Borcik and Seconded by Ms. Nesby to grant permission to the River of Steel Arts Program to use the Borough owned lot located in the 300 block of Eighth Avenue for a series of Public Pop-up demonstrations. All in favor. Motion carries 7-0.**

Pop up demonstrations to be held the 1st Friday of the Month from May-October. Displays with Entrepreneurs, of Jewelry, Scarves, Hats etc.

- j. Motion was made by Ms. Mariner and Seconded by Rev. Benton to exonerate Teresa Jenkins, Tax Collector for the uncollected 2018 Real Estate Taxes. All in Favor. Motion carries. 7-0.**
- k. Motion was made by Rev. Benton and Seconded by Mr. Borcik to adopt Ordinance 2018-10 amending the current Zoning map of Homestead Borough. All in Favor. Motion carries 7-0.**
- l. Motion was made by Ms. Mariner and Seconded by Mrs. Fowler to adopt Ordinance 2019-2 setting the 2019 Real Estate Tax Rate at 13.33 mills. All in favor. Motion carries 7-0.**
- m. Motion was made by Ms. Mariner and Seconded by Mr. Borcik to adopt Resolution No. 2019-4 Inter-Municipal transfer of Pennsylvania Liquor License**

No. R-10294 to MTCO, LLC for the operation of a bar/restaurant located at 145 East 8th Avenue. Upon roll call Ms. Nesby, yes, Mrs. Fowler, yes, Ms. Mariner, yes, Ms. Burwell, yes, Mr. Borcik, yes, Rev. Benton, no and President Cunningham, yes. Motion carries-6-1.

- n. Motion was made by Mr. Borcik and Seconded by Ms. Mariner to adopt Resolution No. 2019-5 approving the acquisition and subsequent disposition of numerous parcels of vacant property known as block and lot 131-C-181 through the Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program. All in favor. Motion carries 7-0.
- o. Motion was made by Mr. Borcik and Seconded by Mrs. Mariner to adopt Resolution No. 2019 -6 authorizing the advertisement for the public sale of Real Estate consisting of a certain Parcel known as Tax Parcel ID: 130 -K-138 and setting forth details concerning the bidding and sale process to be followed by interested parties. All in Favor. Motion carries 7-0.

REPORTS

- 7. **President of Council- Stated Rivers of Steel Artist will bring more business to the Borough of Homestead. (Pop up)will be held on every fourth Saturday from May-October between 7th and 8th Avenue walkway. Demolition contract was released to the contractor to begin Demolitions of 31 properties beginning on March 6, 2019.**
- 8. **Borough Solicitor-No Report**
- 9. **Borough Engineer-Written Report Submitted.**
- 10. **Mayor Esper-Absent**
- 11. **Chief of Police- Written Report Submitted.**
- 12. **Code Enforcement-Reported- Written Report Submitted.**
- 13. **Fire Department-Received 534 Calls for the 2018 year and performed 840 Man hours. Tim discussed Fires in the Homestead Borough and Fire Prevention instructions saying to make sure Fire Detectors are up to date and not to leave any lit candles burning in your home. He said the RED CROSS will provide and install Free Smoke detectors, just call and ask.**
- 14. **Manager- Vehicles were listed for purchase and Online Bidding. On January 18, 2019 Manager met with Mr. Costa to discuss pavement of West Street. January Bank Statements have been reconciled. A new resource was presented to us for help for Homeless Shelters and Warming Shelters and will be added to our Facebook Website Called BigBurgh.com**

MOTION TO ADJOURN @6:35 P.M.

Meeting Minutes Submitted
By Lisa Brookins/Homestead Borough Clerk