

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

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
10 November 2016
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 – Absent
 Ms. Broadwater – Present
 Mr. Cunningham – Present
 Mayor Esper – Present
 Police Chief DeSimone – Present
 Engineer Gilliland – Absent
 Solicitor Bernie Schneider – Present
 Building Inspector Dan Hankins – Absent
 Borough Manager Matt Staniszewski – Present

REQUEST TO BE ON THE AGENDA

- Maria Cruz, Mon Valley Coordinator, of Live Well Allegheny presented the County's initiative and asked council to adopt a resolution in support of the collaboration

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

None

MOTIONS

- M-1** Motion was made by Rev. Turner, Seconded by Rev. Benton, to pay the bills as per the bill list(s) in the amount of \$149,191.78. Upon roll call vote, Rev. Turner, Rev. Benton, Ms. Mariner, Ms. Broadwater and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Ms. Burwell abstained, reason not provided. Motion carried 5 – 0.

- M-2** Motion was made by Ms. Burwell, Seconded by Rev. Turner, to approve the minutes of the November 7th, 2016 meeting of Homestead Borough Council as corrected. Upon voice vote, motion carried 6 – 0.
- M-3** Motion was made by Ms. Burwell, Seconded by Rev. Turner, to hire Edward Moody as Public Works Working Foreman at an hourly rate of \$19.34 with a starting date of 28 November 2016 pending a background check. Upon roll call vote, Rev. Turner, Ms. Burwell, Ms. Broadwater, and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Rev. Benton and Ms. Mariner voted no. Motion carried 4 – 2.
- M-4** Motion was made by Ms. Mariner, Seconded by Rev. Benton, to approve the Pitney Bowes (postage machine) lease renewal. Upon roll call vote, Rev. Turner, Rev. Benton, Ms. Mariner, Ms. Burwell, Ms. Broadwater, and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried 6 – 0.
- M-5** Motion was made by Rev. Benton, Seconded by Ms. Mariner, to appoint Matthew Staniszewski as Official Delegate and Lloyd Cunningham as Alternate Delegate to the Allegheny County Boroughs Association. Upon voice vote, motion carried 6 – 0.
- M-6** Motion was made by Ms. Mariner, Seconded by Rev. Benton, to approve Resolution 2016-19: Grant request in the amount of \$400,000 to Penndot's multimodal transportation funding cycle for the Bike Trail Connector Project. Mr. Cunningham explained the funding will be for bike lanes and it's worth it to see what Penndot says. Upon roll call vote, Rev. Benton, Ms. Mariner, Ms. Broadwater, and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Rev. Turner voted no. Ms. Burrell abstained, reason not provided. Motion carried 4 – 1.
- M-7** Motion was made by Rev. Turner, Seconded by Ms. Burrell, to approve Certificate of Appropriateness for property located at 213-215 East 8th Avenue per recommendation of HARB. Upon voice vote, motion carried 6 – 0
- M-8** Motion was made by Rev. Turner, Seconded by Rev. Benton, to award the 2016 Catch Basin Project Bid to Lawson Excavating for \$38,850 per recommendation of the Borough's Engineers. Upon roll call vote, Rev. Turner, Rev. Benton, Ms. Mariner, Ms. Burwell, Ms. Broadwater, and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried 6 – 0.
- M-9** Motion was made by Rev. Benton, Seconded by Ms. Burrell, to approve Resolution 2016-20: Appoint Matthew Staniszewski, Lloyd Cunningham and Barbara Broadwater as authorized officials and signers on the PLGIT bank account and to remove Ian McMeans, Drew Borcik and Lynette Mariner from

said account. Upon roll call vote, Rev. Turner, Rev. Benton, Ms. Mariner, Ms. Burwell, Ms. Broadwater, and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

- M-10** Motion was made by Ms. Burrell, Seconded by Rev. Benton, to approve advertising the 2017 schedule of meetings for Borough Council, Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board and Historic Architecture Review Board. Upon roll call vote, Rev. Turner, Rev. Benton, Ms. Mariner, Ms. Burwell, Ms. Broadwater, and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried 6 – 0.
- M-11** Motion was made by Rev. Benton, Seconded by Ms. Mariner, to approve advertising the 2017 Homestead Borough Budget Resolution; 2017 Budget, Fee Schedule and Tax Millage Ordinance available for public inspection; and Notice of Intent as required by law. Upon roll call vote, Rev. Turner, Rev. Benton, Ms. Mariner, Ms. Burwell, Ms. Broadwater, and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried 6 – 0.
- M-12** Motion was made by Rev. Benton, Seconded by Ms. Burrell, to approve advertising an ordinance to prohibit smoking in play areas in parks. Upon roll call vote, Rev. Turner, Rev. Benton, Ms. Mariner, Ms. Burwell, Ms. Broadwater, and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried 6 – 0.
- M-13** Motion was made by Rev. Benton, Seconded by Ms. Mariner, to approve advertising an ordinance to amend the tax ordinance to designate the collector of fees, charges and costs by resolution. Upon roll call vote, Rev. Turner, Rev. Benton, Ms. Mariner, Ms. Burwell, Ms. Broadwater, and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried 6 – 0.
- M-14** Motion was made by Rev. Benton, Seconded by Ms. Mariner, to approve advertising an ordinance to amend the tax ordinance to designate the collector of taxes by resolution. Upon roll call vote, Rev. Turner, Rev. Benton, Ms. Mariner, Ms. Burwell, Ms. Broadwater, and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Mr. Cunningham congratulated the Steel Valley SD Football team. Mr. Cunningham noted that construction and renovations are moving forward on the Avenues with Trios, Spinning Wheels, Escape Room and Lucky John. Mr. Cunningham also indicated progress in the Waterfront with the additions of Paint Monkey, Primanti Brothers and Jimmy Johns.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report

ENGINEER'S REPORT

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

MAYOR ESPER

Mayor Esper reminded everyone about the coat drive taking place at Rainbow Kitchen.

Mayor Esper presented the poster for the Christmas Parade. She thanked the vendor for the design of the poster and invited everyone to come to the parade.

Mayor Esper announced two more Veteran picture flags are going up on West Street. It will take winter to get them made and will be up next year. The Mayor indicated there are ten up right now and she has the forms for anyone interested. The Mayor thanked the Fire Department for putting them up on the poles.

Mayor Esper discussed the Steel Valley Veterans program and its 35 years. They inducted two seniors and give scholarships.

Mayor Esper questioned when street sweeping ended and if it's October or November. The Mayor indicated the sign says November. She also expressed concern about the amount of leaves and that the sweeper does not pick them up. Mr. Cunningham agreed and indicated the leaves were a reason to stop sweeping a month early to save the Borough money.

Mayor Esper was pleased to announce that Homestead received the AAA Safety Award again.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief DeSimone reviewed his written report highlighting several items.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

No report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Mr. Hankins gave his 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. Chapman expressed concern about businesses putting garbage in the trash receptacles. Mayor Esper indicated they do it during the night. Mr. Cunningham indicated Code Enforcement will be notified. Mayor Esper questioned if the Parking Department could deliver a letter to businesses on the Avenues.

Rev. Turner asked the Police Chief if there's anything that can be done at an apartment building located at West & Sarah. Rev. Turner expressed concern that cars park too close to the corner.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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