

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

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
08 June 2017
6:00 P.M.**

Mr. Cunningham called the meeting to order.

The pledge of allegiance was led by the Council President.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS RESPONDED TO ROLL CALL

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

REQUEST TO BE ON THE AGENDA

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

MOTIONS

- M-1** Motion was made by Mr. Borcik, Seconded by Rev. Benton, to pay the bills as per the bill list in the amount of \$76,086.07. Upon roll call vote, Rev. Turner, Ms. Fowler, Ms. Mariner, Mr. Borcik, Rev. Benton and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Ms. Burwell voted no. Motion carried 6 – 1.
- M-2** Motion was made by Ms. Mariner, Seconded by Rev. Benton, to approve the minutes of the May 11th, 2017 meeting of Homestead Borough Council. Upon voice vote, motion carried 7 – 0.
- M-3** Motion was made by Rev. Benton, Seconded by Ms. Mariner, to approve the minutes of the June 5th, 2017 meeting of Homestead Borough Council. Upon voice vote, motion carried 7 – 0.

- M-4** Motion was made by Ms. Burwell, Seconded by Rev. Benton, to accept the resignation of Meter Enforcement Officer LuAnn Daugherty effective June 21st, 2017. Upon voice vote, motion carried 7 – 0.
- M-5** Motion was made by Ms. Mariner, Seconded by Rev. Benton, to authorize the Solicitor to perform a title search at a cost of \$175 for the property located at 227 East 12th Avenue. Upon roll call vote, Rev. Turner, Rev. Benton, Ms. Mariner, Ms. Burwell, Mr. Borcik, Ms. Fowler and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.
- M-6** Motion was made by Mr. Borcik, Seconded by Ms. Fowler, to approve the agreement between the Borough of Homestead and the Turtle Creek Valley COG for 2017 Vector Services at a cost not to exceed \$16,980. Upon roll call vote, Rev. Turner, Rev. Benton, Ms. Mariner, Ms. Burwell, Mr. Borcik, Ms. Fowler and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.
- M-7** Motion was made by Rev. Benton, Seconded by Mr. Borcik, to adopt RESOLUTION 2017-15: Approval of the Vacant Property Program application for the property located at 105 West 11th Avenue (BL-130-P-307). Upon voice vote, motion carried 7 – 0.
- M-8** Motion was made by Ms. Mariner, Seconded by Ms. Fowler, to adopt RESOLUTION 2017-16: Approve the submission of an ALCOSAN GROW grant application in the amount of \$140,000 for the Amity Street / Frick park Green Infrastructure Demonstration Project. Upon voice vote, motion carried 7 – 0.
- M-9** Motion was made by Mr. Borcik, Seconded by Ms. Fowler, to approve the second amendment to the Articles of Agreement between Cargill, Inc. and the Borough of Homestead for an extension to store rock salt until December 31, 2017. Upon roll call vote, Rev. Turner, Rev. Benton, Ms. Mariner, Ms. Burwell, Mr. Borcik, Ms. Fowler and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.
- M-10** Motion was made by Mr. Borcik, Seconded by Ms. Fowler, to approve the Certificate of appropriateness for 227 East Eighth Avenue for the demolition of a 2-story concrete block addition in the rear of the building. Upon voice vote, motion carried 7 – 0.
- M-11** Motion was made by Rev. Turner, Seconded by Mr. Borcik, to approve the Certificate of appropriateness for 217-219 East Eighth Avenue for front façade renovations, window and door replacement. Upon voice vote, motion carried 7 – 0.

M-12 Motion was made by Ms. Burwell, Seconded by Ms. Mariner, to approve the concurring RESOLUTION: Add Rev. Benton, Council Vice President, to the First Commonwealth Bank Accounts as a signatore. Upon voice vote, motion carried 7 – 0.

M-13 Motion was made by Rev. Turner, Seconded by Ms. Fowler, to accept the settlement proposal from Liberty Mutual Insurance and David Benjamin to settle a claim for damage to Homestead's Fire Truck, damage was \$40,000 and the settlement offer is \$25,000 subject to an underinsurance claim. Upon roll call vote, Rev. Turner, Rev. Benton, Ms. Mariner, Ms. Burwell, Mr. Borcik, Ms. Fowler and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Mr. Cunningham indicated a lot is going on behind the scenes in terms of renovations. He stated a lot of people are coming into town and looking at properties.

Mr. Cunningham noted the positive P.R. Homestead recently received in the Municipal Reporter published by the Pennsylvania Municipal League as well as an article in Next Pittsburgh.

Mr. Cunningham provided the hours lunch is offered at Rainbow Kitchen. He then proceeded to provide the Police Chief's report.

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

Mr. Cunningham gave the Chief's report. A copy was submitted to Council.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

No report provided.

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.

Meeting adjourned at 6:29PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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