

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

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
08 March 2018
6:00 P.M.**

Mr. Borcik called the meeting to order at approximately 6:10PM.

The pledge of allegiance was led by the Mayor.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS RESPONDED TO ROLL CALL

ROLL CALL: Ms. Nesby – Present
Mrs. Fowler – Present
Ms. Mariner – Present
Ms. Burwell – Present
Mr. Cunningham – Present
Rev. Benton – Present
Mr. Borcik – Present
Mayor Esper – Present
Police Chief DeSimone – Present
Assistant Fire Chief Tim Eads – Absent
Engineer Gilliland – Present
Solicitor Joe Heminger – Present
Building Inspector Dan Hankins – Present
Code Enforcement Officer Shunta Parms – Absent
Borough Manager Matt Staniszewski – Present

REQUEST TO BE ON THE AGENDA

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Council held an executive session on Monday, May 5th, 2018, and prior to this meeting to discuss personnel items.

MOTIONS

M-1 Motion was made by Ms. Nesby, Seconded by Mrs. Fowler, to pay the bills per the bill list in the amount of \$21,398.35. Upon roll call vote, Ms. Nesby, Mrs. Fowler, Ms. Mariner, Mr. Cunningham and Mr. Borcik voted yes. Ms. Burwell voted no. Rev. Benton abstained, no reason provided. Motion carried 5 – 1.

- M-2** Motion was made by Mrs. Fowler, Seconded by Mr. Cunningham, to approve the minutes of the February 15th, 2018 meeting of Homestead Borough Council. Upon voice vote, motion carried 7 – 0.
- M-3** Motion was made by Mr. Cunningham, Seconded by Ms. Nesby, to authorize the advertising of ORDINANCE: Oil and Grease Traps. Upon roll call vote, Ms. Nesby, Mrs. Fowler, Ms. Mariner, Ms. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham, Rev. Benton and Mr. Borcik voted yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.
- M-4** Motion was made by Mrs. Fowler, Seconded by Ms. Nesby, to accept the \$100,000 PennDOT grant and authorize the Council President and Manager to execute any and all necessary documents. Upon roll call vote, Ms. Nesby, Mrs. Fowler, Ms. Mariner, Ms. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham, Rev. Benton and Mr. Borcik voted yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.
- M-5** Motion was made by Mr. Cunningham, Seconded by Mrs. Fowler, to approve Conditional Use Approval for a 2-family dwelling on property located at 122 E. 16th Avenue in an R-1 Zoning District of the 3rd Ward as recommended by the Planning Commission. Upon voice vote, motion carried 7 – 0.
- M-6** Motion was made by Ms. Burwell, Seconded by Mr. Cunningham, to authorize the purchase of a 2010 Ford Explorer with approximately 46,000 miles and equipment from the Allegheny County Housing Authority to serve as the new Police Chief's vehicle at a cost not to exceed \$4,500, charge 18/410-750. Upon roll call vote, Ms. Nesby, Mrs. Fowler, Ms. Mariner, Ms. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham, Rev. Benton and Mr. Borcik voted yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.
- M-7** Motion was made by Ms. Burwell, Seconded by Mr. Cunningham, to authorize electrical work at Sullivan Playground by Banks Electric Inc in the amount of \$1,226.53 as recommended by the Borough Engineer. Upon roll call vote, Ms. Nesby, Mrs. Fowler, Ms. Mariner, Ms. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham, Rev. Benton and Mr. Borcik voted yes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

No report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Gilliland gave his report during the beginning of the meeting due to a scheduling conflict.

MAYOR ESPER

Mayor Esper recognized the MUSA Building Development as well as Action Housing "finally moving forward." The Mayor also mentioned School Safety Outreach through the Valley Mirror.

Mayor Esper expressed concern about no parking signs at Propel School and the Mayor wanting to block off 10th.

Ms. Burwell expressed concerns about parking at Propel School and the need for handicap parking.

President Borcik recognized Rep. Costa and Senator Costa for help in securing \$1 million in grants.

CHIEF OF POLICE

The Chief gave his report. A copy was submitted to Council.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

No report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

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

CIVIL SERVICE

No report.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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