

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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**MARCH 12, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

Mr. Cunningham called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The Mayor asked for a moment of silence. The pledge of allegiance was lead by the Mayor.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS RESPONDED TO ROLL CALL: Drew Borcik, Wanda Burwell, Lloyd Cunningham, Lynette Mariner, Susan Titmus, Rev. Donald Turner, Mayor Esper, Chief DeSimone, Engineer Gilliland, Chief Barka, Ian McMeans, Borough Manager. Barbara Broadwater and the Solicitor were absent.

REQUEST TO BE ON THE AGENDA

None.

COMMENDATIONS

Commendations were handed out by the Mayor to members of the Homestead Police Department, Homestead Volunteer Fire Department, Munhall Fire Department and West Homestead Fire Department for their actions during the fire on Eighth Avenue.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

None.

- M-1** A motion was made by Mr. Borcik, seconded by Ms. Mariner to pay the bills as per the list in the amount of \$116,926.48. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mr. Cunningham, Ms. Mariner, and Rev. Turner voted yes. Mrs. Burwell and Mrs. Titmus abstained. Motion carried.
- M-2** A motion was made by Ms. Mariner, seconded by Mrs. Titmus to accept the Eligibility List for Promotion to Full-Time Patrolman per the recommendation of the Civil Service Commission. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mrs. Burwell, Ms. Mariner, Mrs. Titmus, Rev. Turner and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried.
- M-3** A motion was made by Mr. Borcik, seconded by Ms. Mariner to hire Patrick Swindell as a Full-Time officer in the Homestead Police Department, effective

June 1, 2015. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mrs. Burwell, Ms. Mariner, Mrs. Titmus, Rev. Turner and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried.

- M-4** A motion was made by Mr. Borcik, seconded by Mrs. Burwell to approve a Resolution appointing Joseph Derry as Emergency Management Coordinator. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mrs. Burwell, Ms. Mariner, Mrs. Titmus, Rev. Turner and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried.
- M-5** A motion was made by Mrs. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Borcik to accept the resignation of Crossing Guard Kevin Burrell. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mrs. Burwell, Ms. Mariner, Mrs. Titmus, Rev. Turner and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried.
- M-6** A motion was made by Mr. Borcik, seconded by Rev. Turner to approve an Ordinance repealing Chapter 23 of the Homestead Borough Code regarding the Borough having a paid Fire Department. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mrs. Burwell, Ms. Mariner, Mrs. Titmus, Rev. Turner and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried.
- M-7** A motion was made by Mr. Borcik, seconded by Mrs. Burwell to approve an Ordinance requiring Grease Traps. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mrs. Burwell, Ms. Mariner, Mrs. Titmus, Rev. Turner and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried.
- M-8** A motion was made by Mrs. Burwell, seconded by Ms. Mariner to advertise an Ordinance regarding Street Reconstruction after street openings. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mrs. Burwell, Ms. Mariner, Mrs. Titmus, Rev. Turner and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried.
- M-9** A motion was made by Mr. Borcik, seconded by Ms. Mariner to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for the demolition of 713 East 8th Avenue, design plans for a newly constructed building and design of a pylon sign at the recommendation of the HARB. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mrs. Burwell, Ms. Mariner, Mrs. Titmus, Rev. Turner and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried.
- M-10** A motion was made by Mrs. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Borcik to approve a Concurring Resolution for the DCNR Grant for implementation of the Green Scan Recommendations in Frick Park and McLean Playground. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mrs. Burwell, Ms. Mariner, Mrs. Titmus, Rev. Turner and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried.

M-11 A motion was made by Mrs. Burwell, seconded by Mrs Titmus to approve a Concurring Resolution for the DCNR Grant for a Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mrs. Burwell, Ms. Mariner, Mrs. Titmus, Rev. Turner and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried.

M-12 A motion was made by Mrs. Burwell, seconded by Mrs. Titmus to approve a Concurring Resolution for the DCNR Grant for The Avenues Bike Trail Connector. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mrs. Burwell, Ms. Mariner, Mrs. Titmus, Rev. Turner and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Mr. Cunningham gave his report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Gilliland gave his report. Demolition bids will be opened by Steel Valley COG on March 19.

MAYOR ESPER

Mayor gave her report. Major Perez from the Salvation Army discussed what their organization is doing to help the victims of the fire.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief DeSimone gave his report. 562 total calls. 38 arrests . 38 adults . 0 juvenile.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Mr. Hearn gave his report.

A question was raised by an audience member about an ordinance regarding construction start and stop time. The Borough Manager stated that shortly after his tenure began Council had considered such an ordinance but could not come to an agreement on the start and stop times to be included so the ordinance was tabled.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT – IAN MCMEANS

Mr. McMeans gave his report. The Planning Commission will meet on March 25. The Civil Service Commission met and approved the Eligibility list. The Borough's DCED Audit is ongoing. The Borough is still seeking applicants for the part-time position of Property Maintenance Inspector. CITF Grant Applications were submitted.

M-13 A motion was made by Mr. Borcik, seconded by Mrs. Titmus to approve a concurring resolution for the CITF Grant Application for Hazel Way Reconstruction Phase I. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mrs. Burwell, Ms. Mariner, Mrs. Titmus, Rev. Turner and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO BE ON AGENDA

None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Duane Schulte asked the Chief of Police about gun permits and suggested that each Borough raise taxes to employ Tri-Borough Police Officers.

Cheryl Chapman asked a question about inoperable parking meters.

Mrs. Burwell stated that the Street Department should be commended for their work in snow removal.

M-14 A motion was made by Mr. Borcik, seconded by Ms. Mariner to adjourn the meeting all in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ian McMeans
Borough Manager