

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

**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
13 October 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 – Absent due to health issue
 Ms. Mariner – Absent due to health issue
 Ms. Burwell – Present
 Mr. Borcik – Present
 Ms. Broadwater – Present
 Mr. Cunningham – Present
 Mayor Esper – Present
 Police Chief DeSimone – Present
 Engineer Gilliland – Absent
 Solicitor Bernie Schneider – Present
 Building Inspector Dan Hankins – Present
 Borough Manager Matt Staniszewski – Present

REQUEST TO BE ON THE AGENDA

- Lindsay Heath Angelo did a presentation to council explaining CONNECT, their current programs and initiatives including vacant property, EMS, HHS, and drug take back programs. Ms. Broadwater asked if CONNECT could do a presentation for the drug take back program.
- eVolve (project consultants) presented to council regarding proposed enhancements to Frick Park. Mayor Esper had questions regarding flooding issues on 8th and 9th Avenues. Mr. Cunningham indicated some of the water as a result of this project would be absorbed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

None

MOTIONS

- M-1** Motion was made by Ms. Burwell, Seconded by Mr. Borcik, to pay the bills as per the bill list in the amount of \$359,790.92. Upon roll call vote, Rev. Turner, Mr. Borcik, and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Ms. Burwell and Ms. Broadwater voted no. Motion carried 3 – 2.
- M-2** Motion was made by Mr. Borcik, Seconded by Ms. Broadwater, to approve the minutes of the September 8th, 2016 regular meeting of Homestead Borough Council. Upon voice vote, motion carried 5 – 0.
- M-3** Motion was made by Mr. Borcik, Seconded by Ms. Burwell, to accept Glenn Engineering Rates as presented via letter dated October 1, 2016. Upon roll call vote, Rev. Turner, Mr. Borcik, Ms. Burwell, Ms. Broadwater, and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- M-4** Motion was made by Ms. Broadwater, Seconded by Ms. Burwell, to refund \$3,325.26 in accumulated pension deductions plus 3% interest to Mr. Patrick Swindell per the recommendation of the borough pension consultant. Upon roll call vote, Rev. Turner, Mr. Borcik, Ms. Burwell, Ms. Broadwater, and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- M-5** Motion was made by Rev. Turner, Seconded by Ms. Broadwater, to approve Mr. Dan Kelly's normal retirement benefit in the amount of \$1,886.13 commencing October 1, 2016. Upon roll call vote, Rev. Turner, Mr. Borcik, Ms. Burwell, Ms. Broadwater, and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- M-6** Motion was on the floor to approve the demolition of 1311 West Street, Homestead, PA (Parcel ID: 131-C-201) in the amount of \$8,000 to Jadell Minniefield Construction Services, Inc. Ms. Broadwater questioned if three bids were received. Mr. Cunningham indicated the process was followed per bid limit requirements. Mr. Cunningham released the Chair to the Vice President. Motion was made by Mr. Borcik, Seconded by Mr. Cunningham and upon roll call vote, Rev. Turner, Mr. Borcik, Ms. Burwell, Ms. Broadwater, and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried 5 – 0. Ms. Broadwater returned the Chair to Mr. Cunningham.
- M-7** Motion was made by Mr. Borcik, Seconded by Rev. Turner, to approve Resolution 2016-10 – AMCOM Copy Machine authorization. Upon roll call vote, Rev. Turner, Mr. Borcik, Ms. Burwell, and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Ms. Broadwater voted no. Motion carried 4 – 1.
- M-8** Motion was made by Mr. Borcik, Seconded by Ms. Broadwater, to approve Resolution 2016-11 - ALCOSAN GROW Grant for \$1 million for the Transforming Twelfth Avenue Project. Upon roll call vote, Rev. Turner, Mr.

Borcik, Ms. Burwell, Ms. Broadwater, and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.

- M-9** Motion was made by Rev. Turner, Seconded by Ms. Broadwater, to approve Resolution 2016-12 – Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments 2016 Sewage Billing agreement as amended. Upon roll call vote, Rev. Turner, Mr. Borcik, Ms. Burwell, Ms. Broadwater, and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- M-10** Motion was made by Ms. Broadwater, Seconded by Mr. Borcik, to approve Resolution 2016-13 – ALCOSAN GROW Grant not to exceed \$1 million for the Hazel Way Project. Upon roll call vote, Rev. Turner, Mr. Borcik, Ms. Burwell, Ms. Broadwater, and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- M-11** Motion was made by Mr. Borcik, Seconded by Rev. Turner, to approve Concurring Resolution 2016-14 – CDBG Application / CD-43 - \$18,000 for the Wayfinding Study and Implementation for the Central Business District. Upon voice vote, motion carried 5 – 0.
- M-12** Motion was made by Ms. Burwell, Seconded by Ms. Broadwater, to approve Concurring Resolution 2016-15 – CDBG Application / CD-43 - \$30,000 for Catch Basin Replacements. Upon voice vote, motion carried 5 – 0.
- M-13** Motion was made by Ms. Burwell, Seconded by Mr. Borcik, to approve Concurring Resolution 2016-16 – CDBG Application / CD-43 - \$125,000 for street reconstruction. Upon voice vote, motion carried 5 – 0.
- M-14** Motion was made by Ms. Broadwater, Seconded by Ms. Burwell, to approve Concurring Resolution 2016-16 – CDBG Application / CD-43 - \$24,000 for Demolition. Upon voice vote, motion carried 5 – 0.
- M-15** Motion was made by Mr. Borcik, Seconded by Ms. Broadwater, to approve the certificate of appropriateness for 225-237 East 7th Avenue per the recommendation of the HARB. Upon voice vote, motion carried 5 – 0.
- M-16** Motion was made by Ms. Broadwater, Seconded by Rev. Turner, to approve TIF Loan Amount Change from \$75,000 to \$49,000 for War Room, LLC for the project at 207 East 8th Avenue pursuant to a recommendation by the TIF Committee. Upon roll call vote, Rev. Turner, Mr. Borcik, Ms. Burwell, Ms. Broadwater, and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.
- M-17** Motion was made by Mr. Borcik, Seconded by Ms. Broadwater, to approve and accept the 2016 Fall Commodities Bid Tabulation of vendors through the

SHACOG Purchasing Alliance. Upon roll call vote, Rev. Turner, Mr. Borcik, Ms. Burwell, Ms. Broadwater, and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.

M-18 Motion was made by Mr. Borcik, Seconded by Ms. Burwell, to approve Resolution 2016-18 – Borough Solicitor and Manger to prepare and file an application for exemption of real estate taxation for tax year 2017 onward for Borough Property known as 100 East 14th Avenue, Parcel ID No. 131-C-107. Upon roll call vote, Rev. Turner, Mr. Borcik, Ms. Burwell, Ms. Broadwater, and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried 5 – 0.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Mr. Cunningham congratulated Steel Valley SD and the children as they are making the finals for the 1st time in 40 years. Mr. Cunningham praised the revitalization of 8th Avenue as it continues to move forward. He listed several businesses that have opened or have plans to open in the future. Mr. Cunningham also indicated the Waterfront is currently at a 98% occupancy rate.

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 that Halloween is on the 31st from 6pm to 8pm. She also invited everyone to participate on Saturday at 2:30pm for the Munhall Parade.

Mayor Esper thanked the Fire Department for hanging veteran flags along the poles along West Street. Mayor Esper indicated she bought some flags to honor her four brothers and sister as well as Chief Black. She encourages people with family in the services to also purchase the flags to be put up to honor them.

Mayor Esper indicated Oktoberfest, now in its 5th year, was a success. She was pleased to see over 4,000 young people there and it is nice to see that Homestead is coming back. Mayor Esper thanked all of the countless volunteers who helped make the event a success. Mr. Cunningham agreed and indicated over 8,200 attended and proceeds benefited several non-profits. Mr. Cunningham also indicated several businesses along the Avenues did well thanks to the event.

Mayor Esper invited everyone to attend the Nov. 12th Hall of Fame event where the Mayors of the three boroughs will be recognized for their service to their communities.

Mayor Esper asked Code Enforcement about the status of a building behind Propel Playground. Mr. Hankins indicated the building was demolished recently.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief DeSimone reviewed his written report highlighting several items.

Rev. Turner questioned how much money comes back from drug busts. The Chief explained the process as it goes to the District Attorney's office.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

No report.

Ms. Burrell expressed concerns about water pressure for fire hydrants. Ms. Burrell cited a recent incident at a fire on East 14th Avenue recognizing it is the water company who should provide sufficient water pressure.

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 indicated the street light globes that the Three Boroughs Group ordered are on backorder. Ms. Chapman expressed support for more events in order to help restaurants and other businesses. She also asked what are wayfinding signs and Mr. Cunningham explained. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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