

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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**JANUARY 10, 2013
7:05 P.M.**

Mrs. Titmus called the meeting to order. The pledge of allegiance was said. Mayor asked for a moment of silence.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS RESPONDED TO ROLL CALL: Drew Borcik, Wanda Burwell, Barbara Broadwater, Lloyd Cunningham, Zaneta Hines, Rev. Turner, Susan Titmus, Mayor Esper, Chief DeSimone, Solicitor Hemminger, Engineer Gilliland, Fire Chief, Barca and Ian McMeans, Borough Manager.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Miss Chapman stated that the date on the agenda was wrong. It stated 2012 instead of 2013.

M-1 A motion was made by Mrs. Broadwater, seconded by Mr. Borcik to pay the bills as per the list in the amount of \$252,466.46. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mrs. Broadwater, Mrs. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham, Miss Hines, Rev. Turner and Mrs. Titmus voted yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Titmus stated that Motion (b) was going to be table until Council could receive more information

M-2 A motion was made by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Borcik to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with AFSCME beginning January 1, 2013 and ending December 31, 2016. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Mr. Borcik, Mrs. Burwell, Mrs. Broadwater, Miss Hines, Rev. Turner voted no and Mrs. Titmus abstained. Motion failed.

M-3 A motion was made by Mrs. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Borcik to appoint Mr. Cunningham to the Steel Valley Enterprise Zone for a two (2) year term. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mrs. Broadwater, Mrs. Burwell, Miss Hines, Rev. Turner and Mrs. Titmus voted yes. Mr. Cunningham abstained. Motion carried.

- M-4** A motion was made by Mr. Borcik, seconded by Miss Hines to appoint Susan Andreko to the Zoning Hearing Board for a three (3) year term. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mrs. Broadwater, Mrs. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham, Miss Hines, Rev. Turner and Mrs. Titmus voted yes. Motion carried.
- M-5** A motion was made by Mrs. Broadwater, seconded by Rev. Turner to approve the Letter of Credit from BNP Paribas on behalf of Bottom Dollar Northeast, LLC. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mrs. Broadwater, Mrs. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham, Miss Hines, Rev. Turner and Mrs. Titmus voted yes. Motion carried.
- M-6** A motion was made by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Borcik to approve plan revisions for Keegan Wireless for the property located on parcel 130-J-40 upon recommendation of the Planning Commission. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mrs. Broadwater, Mrs. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham, Miss Hines, Rev. Turner voted yes. Mrs. Titmus abstained. Motion carried.
- M-7** A motion was made by Mrs. Broadwater, seconded by Mrs. Burwell to approve the Agreement with the Homestead Volunteer Fire Company regarding financing of the purchase of a 2003 Aerial Fire Truck. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mrs. Broadwater, Mrs. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham, Miss Hines, Rev. Turner and Mrs. Titmus voted yes. Motion carried.
- M-8** A motion was made by Mrs. Broadwater, seconded by Rev. Turner to approve sending Mrs. Burwell and Miss Hines to the ALOM Spring Conference for \$521.60 for 2 nights. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mrs. Broadwater, Mrs. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham, Miss Hines, Rev. Turner and Mrs. Titmus voted yes. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

Mrs. Titmus had no report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Gilliland gave his report.

MAYOR ESPER

Mayor gave her report. She talked about how the Borough Manager got \$10,000.00 and the Administrative Asst. got \$5,000.00 and her clerk only got a 2% raise; how she is disrespected by everyone; how the door is locked from the administrative side to the police side; how the administrative side had a Christmas party and didn't even invite her Chief or her clerk and wanted to know where the money came from was it Borough money that was used. Mrs. Broadwater stated that the girls downstairs save up all year to have their Christmas party and can invite whomever they want to invite. No Borough funds were used. How her Chief didn't get a budget and wasn't invited to a budget meeting.

Chief DeSimone stated there is no communication and he didn't get a copy of the budget until Monday afternoon, and then realized it was \$62,000.00 less. He talked about vehicle repairs were only up \$1,000.00.

Mrs. Titmus stated that communication goes both ways. The administrative side states that there is no communication with the police side. Chief DeSimone asked for an example. Mrs. Titmus stated that you got a new Chief's car; Chief DeSimone stated he didn't get a new patrol car. There was a discussion taken at this time. Chief DeSimone asked if anyone on Council saw a copy of his proposed budget. Mr. Borcik stated he did not. There was a discussion taken on the budget.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief DeSimone gave his report – 866 calls, 43 arrests for the month 40 adults and 3 juveniles.

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPT. – JAMES BARCA

Chief Barca gave his report.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT – IAN MCMEANS

Mr. McMeans gave his report.

M-9 A motion was made by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Borcik to appoint Sharon Ford to the Zoning Hearing Board for a three (3) year term. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mrs. Broadwater, Mrs. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham, Miss Hines, Rev. Turner and Mrs. Titmus voted yes. Motion carried.

M-10 A motion was made by Mr. Borcik, seconded by Miss Hines to appoint Mary Beth O'Hare to the Planning Commission for a four (4) year term. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mrs. Broadwater, Mrs. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham, Miss Hines, Rev. Turner and Mrs. Titmus voted yes. Motion carried.

M-11 A motion was made by Mr. Borcik, seconded by Mrs. Broadwater to appoint Don Dais to the Zoning Hearing Board for a three (3) year term. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mrs. Broadwater, Mrs. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham, Miss Hines, Rev. Turner and Mrs. Titmus voted yes. Motion carried.

REQUEST TO BE ON AGENDA

None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Sharon Ford, 220 West 14th Avenue talked about demolition and Community Garden

Alice Paylor – stated that the Borough needs to be more compassionate with citizens.

M-12 A motion was made by Mr. Borcik, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Homestead Borough Council meeting of January 10, 2013 was adjourned at 8.02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ian McMeans
Borough Manager