

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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**OCTOBER 9, 2014
7:00 P.M.**

Mr. Cunningham called the meeting to order. 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, Lynette Mariner, Rev. Donald Turner, Lloyd Cunningham, Mayor Esper, Solicitor Hemminger, Chief DeSimone, Engineer Gilliland, Ian McMeans, Borough Manager. Susan Titmus and Barbara Broadwater were absent.

REQUEST TO BE ON THE AGENDA

- a. Richard Pickering . He talked about replacing the sidewalk and stated that he doesn't see the purpose unless the trees are taken down. He had pictures on his phone to show Council. Mr. Cunningham explained that the trees were planted by the Revitalization Program and the sidewalk and the trees are the property owner's responsibility. If you would like to take the trees down and put something else back up that is fine. We as Council or the Borough have no responsibility regarding your sidewalk or your trees. Mr. Pickering stated he didn't plant the trees. Mr. Cunningham replied and neither did we. Mr. Pickering stated well if he fixes the sidewalk he will just cut the trees down and not put any back up. Mr. Cunningham explained there is a sidewalk ordinance that states you must put the trees back. Mr. Gilliland added that when the County started that job, council received the plans to look over after they had already started the job and we had no say-so. There was a discussion on sidewalks. The Mayor asked the Code Enforcement Officer to look at the parking lot at Citizen's Bank. She has received complaints from people in handicap wheel chairs having troubles right there.

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 \$584,097.12. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mrs. Burwell, Ms. Mariner, Rev. Turner and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried.

- M-2** A motion was made by Ms. Mariner, seconded by Mr. Borcik to approve COPS Grant Agreement with US Department of Justice for \$125,000 over 3 years; keeping in mind that the Borough has to pick up the cost of the full time officer after the 3 years. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mrs. Burwell, Ms. Mariner, Rev. Turner and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried.
- M-3** A motion was made by Mr. Borcik, seconded by Rev. Turner to advertise an Ordinance Amending Section 236-91 of the Homestead Borough Code regarding the Parking Privilege Tax. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mrs. Burwell, Ms. Mariner, Rev. Turner and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried.
- M-4** A motion was made by Ms. Mariner, seconded by Rev. Turner to advertise an Ordinance Regarding Participation in the Land Bank. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mrs. Burwell, Ms. Mariner, Rev. Turner and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried.
- M-5** A motion was made by Mr. Borcik, seconded by Rev. Turner to approve Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement among the Boroughs of Homestead, Munhall and West Homestead to develop a Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Development Plan. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mrs. Burwell, Ms. Mariner, Rev. Turner and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried.
- M-6** A motion was made by Mr. Borcik, seconded by Rev. Turner to approve closure of the 100 block of East 10th Avenue on October 17th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for the celebration of the 1 year Anniversary of the PROPEL Playground. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mrs. Burwell, Ms. Mariner, Rev. Turner and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried.
- M-7** A motion was made by Ms. Mariner, seconded by Mr. Borcik to hire Rose Tillman and Pat Burrell as crossing guards on an as needed basis. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mrs. Burwell, Ms. Mariner, 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.

M-8 A motion was made by Mr. Borcik, seconded by Ms. Mariner to approve concurring Resolutions for CD41 Applications. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mrs. Burwell, Ms. Mariner, Rev. Turner and Mr. Cunningham voted yes. Motion carried.

MAYOR ESPER

Mayor gave her report.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief DeSimone gave his report 45 arrests . 42 adults . 3 juvenile.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Mr. Hearn gave his report.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT – IAN MCMEANS

Mr. McMeans gave his report.

REQUEST TO BE ON AGENDA

None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

M-9 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