

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

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**MAY 9, 2013
7:05 P.M.**

Mrs. Titmus called the meeting to order. She then called the teachers up and gave them their awards. The pledge of allegiance was said.

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, Fire Chief Barca, Solicitor Schneider, Engineer Gilliland and Ian McMeans, Borough Manager.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

- M-1** A motion was made by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mr. Borcik to pay the bills as per the list in the amount of \$170,006.01. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mrs. Broadwater, Mr. Cunningham, Miss Hines, Rev. Turner and Mrs. Titmus voted yes. Mrs. Burwell abstained. Motion carried.
- M-2** A motion was made by Mrs. Broadwater, seconded by Miss Hines to approve Ordinance ____ Amending Chapter 240 Section 28 of the Code of the Borough of Homestead to add a Special Purpose Parking Zone for Homestead Borough Volunteer Fire Department Personnel and Vehicles. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mrs. Broadwater, Mrs. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham, Miss Hines, Rev. Turner and Mrs. Titmus voted yes. Motion carried.
- M-3** A motion was made by Mr. Cunningham, seconded by Mrs. Burwell to certify the eligibility list as approved by the Civil Service Commission. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mrs. Broadwater, Mrs. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham, Miss Hines, Rev. Turner and Mrs. Titmus voted yes. Motion carried.
- M-4** A motion was made by Rev. Turner, seconded by Mrs. Broadwater to accept the resignation of Milton Williams from the Public Works Department. 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 Miss Hines to terminate the employment of Crystal Coleman. 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 Mrs. Burwell, seconded by Miss Hines to approve Resolution ____ approving the acquisition of parcels 130-N-362, 130-N-372, 130-N-373, 130-N-376 through the Allegheny County Vacant Property Recovery Program. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mrs. Broadwater, Mrs. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham, Miss Hines, Rev. Turner and Mrs. Titmus voted yes. Motion carried.
- M-7** A motion was made by Mrs. Burwell, seconded by Rev. Turner to approve the request of The Life Church to close the block of Mifflin Street between 13th Avenue and 14th Avenue on August 2 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. 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. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to approve the request of Propel School to close the block of 10th Avenue between Amity Street and West Street on June 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mrs. Broadwater, Mrs. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham, Miss Hines, Rev. Turner and Mrs. Titmus voted yes. Motion carried.
- M-9** A motion was made by Mr. Borcik, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to approve Project CHUCK to use the Borough's playgrounds on an as-needed basis for their summer basketball league. 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 Miss Hines, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to enter into contracts for Community Day contingent on Solicitor's approval. 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. Cunningham, seconded by Mrs. Burwell to advertise the 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-12** A motion was made by Mr. Borcik, seconded by Mrs. Burwell to advertise for Parking and Street Department help. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mrs.

Broadwater, Mrs. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham, Miss Hines, Rev. Turner and Mrs. Titmus voted yes. Motion carried.

M-13 A motion was made by Mrs. Broadwater, seconded by Rev. Turner to increase the pay rate for seasonal employees including retro pay. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mrs. Broadwater, Mrs. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham, Miss Hines, Rev. Turner and Mrs. Titmus voted yes. Motion carried.

M-14 A motion was made by Mrs. Broadwater, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to apply for CD40. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mrs. Broadwater, Mrs. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham, Miss Hines, Rev. Turner and Mrs. Titmus voted yes. Motion carried.

M-15 A motion was made by Mrs. Broadwater, seconded by Mrs. Burwell to purchase up to 3 bus busses for summer volunteers. Upon roll call vote, Mr. Borcik, Mrs. Broadwater, Mrs. Burwell, Mr. Cunningham, Miss Hines, Rev. Turner and Mrs. Titmus voted yes. Motion carried.

M-16 A motion was made by Miss Hines, seconded by Mr. Borcik to approve the request to close Maple Street on July 20th from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. from 16th to Pink and 16th from the playground to West Street. 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.

Sharon Ford talked about the garden talked about on the corner of 7th and Amity and the trial.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Mr. Gilliland gave his report.

MAYOR ESPER

Mayor gave her report.

CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief DeSimone gave his report – 931 calls, 55 arrests for the month 39 adults and 16 juveniles.

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPT. – JAMES BARCA

Chief Barca was absent Mrs. Broadwater gave the report.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Burwell gave her report.

BOROUGH MANAGER’S REPORT – IAN MCMEANS

Mr. McMeans gave his report.

REQUEST TO BE ON AGENDA

None.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Sharon Ford stated received a ticket and she can put it right out front. Now at last meeting it was stated you were going to start keeping track of the parking meters and have we started doing that? The funds received from the parking meters. Mr. McMeans stated that year to date from January and February the total for meters is \$12,717.58.

Carol James, 336 East 11th Avenue, asked for funds to be broke down from February 2012 to July 2012. Mr. McMeans stated that he hasn't because he has to go month by month in order to get the information. Where is the printing getting done? Mr. McMeans stated that we have a few places that we call and get the lowest price. Chief DeSimone asked if we can or cannot use Steel Valley Printing. Mr. Schneider explained that one of the council people raised an issue about whether Steel Valley Printing could have the contract before he spent any time doing the research Mr. Cunningham said don't waste the time we won't be doing the printing any longer. That is what happened. Ms. James asked so you are not including Steel Valley Printing on your list. Mrs. Titmus stated did you not hear Mr. Schneider's answer. Chief DeSimone

stated he is confused also, can we include them in trying to get bids, because it saves time and it is more convenient. Mr. Schneider stated he is still not sure of the ownership of Steel Valley Printing and he would need to know that to come up with an opinion. It is that simple. There was a discussion taken on this issue at this time.

Ms. James asked if the stations that are used as jitney stations if they have occupancy permits and are they up to code.

Her last question she sent a letter to the elected tax collector regarding the business privilege tax for the jitneys and she didn't get back to me. She understands that council is not responsible so how do we find out exactly who is responsible and what is going on with our tax collector. She is an elected official and who is she accountable to and again is she collecting the business privilege tax for the jitney service that is all she wants to know is yes or no. Mrs. Titmus stated we can't answer questions for her. She is separate from us. There was a discussion with many people talking. Mr. Borcik stated we get a report every month.

Rev. Turner stated Madam Chair if we are not breaking any laws Steel Valley Printers is close. Mrs. Titmus stated she understood and has nothing against them but we have to make sure we are doing what is legal. There was a discussion taken on this matter.

There was a Pitt student in the audience and she stated that the meeting was very interesting and informative and she has never been to a governmental meeting before and asked for an agenda.

M-17 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 May 9, 2013 was adjourned at 8.40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ian McMeans
Borough Manager