

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-1

A RESOLUTION OF NEW BETHLEHEM BOROUGH COUNCIL

**AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE
ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGH JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, New Bethlehem Borough Council seeks to educate and involve the youth of the Borough in their local government, and to reach out to involve possible future members of Council, to benefit both the youth and all residents of the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the Junior Council Person (JCP) Program as established and fostered by the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs (PSAB), seeks to encourage Boroughs to have high school age Borough residents participate in the workings of their local government by appointing Junior Council Person(s); and

WHEREAS, Borough Council intends to seek assistance from High School faculty members and guidance counselors to recommend prospective Junior Council candidates to Council, and Council plans to select a student or students to serve as Junior Council Person(s) during the school year; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to extend to the youth of New Bethlehem Borough a voice in the operation of this Borough and this Council; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) The Council of the Borough of New Bethlehem hereby creates the position of "Junior Council Person(s)."
- 2) The term of office shall be during the school year, from late August through May.
- 3) Candidates for the office shall submit a written application to Borough Council with a one-page cover letter highlighting the applicant's interest in the position. After considering all submissions, Borough Council shall appoint a student or students at a regularly scheduled meeting.
- 4) A Junior Council Person shall be a resident of New Bethlehem Borough and a student in his/her junior or senior year of high school.
- 5) A Junior Council Person shall, upon appointment, take a "Junior Council Person Pledge."
- 6) A Junior Council Person shall not receive compensation.
- 7) A Junior Council Person shall be permitted to attend all meetings of Council and all committee meetings and shall be permitted to participate fully in those proceedings, **EXCEPT** that he/she shall not be afforded the right to vote and shall not be permitted to attend executive sessions.
- 8) A Junior Council Person shall serve at the pleasure of Council and may be removed at any time, for any reason, at the discretion of Council.

ADOPTED this _____ day of January, 2018.

NEW BETHLEHEM BOROUGH COUNCIL

_____ President

ATTEST: _____ Secretary

_____ Mayor