



**Homestead Borough Council**  
Legislative Session

**May 13, 2021**  
6:00 PM

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**Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

President Dais	X	Vice President Cunningham	X
Rev. Benton	X	Mr. Borcik	X
Minister Burwell	X	Mrs. Burwell	X
Ms. Nesby (VIA PHONE)	X	Mayor Esper	X
Borough Manager	X	Solicitor (Dalfonso)	X
Police Chief Desimone	X	Fire Chief Eads	
Code Enforcement		Public Works	
Engineering (Hemphill & Gilliland)			

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Special Presentation**

**Best of the Batch Foundation** – Batch Playground for Project Chuck starting in June.

*Motion to allow Best of the Batch Program – Project Chuck use 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue Playground with dates to ne detetmined by Best of Batch program*

**Motion: Mr. Cunningham**

**Second: Mrs. Burwell**

President Dais	YES	Vice President Cunningham	YES
Rev. Benton	YES	Mr. Borcik	YES
Minister Burwell	YES	Mrs. Burwell	YES
Ms. Nesby	YES	Mayor Esper	

**Motion passes: 7 – 0 – 0**

**Dan Spanovitz** – 9<sup>th</sup> and West Street Parking lot, would like to purchase the lot.

*Motion to advertise 9<sup>th</sup> & West , Borough-owned lot, for sale by bid to remain open 30 days. Parcels Lot and Block #130-P-46 & 49*

**Motion: Mr. Cunningham****Second: Rev. Burwell**

President Dais	YES	Vice President Cunningham	YES
Rev. Benton	YES	Mr. Borcik	YES
Minister Burwell	YES	Mrs. Burwell	YES
Ms. Nesby	YES	Mayor Esper	

**Motion passes: 7 – 0 – 0**

**The Three Boroughs, Jeff Schaffer** – Neighborhood Assistance Program SPP Tax Credit letter of recommendation for a housing program to help low – to moderate income families with home ownership.

*Motion to approve letter of support for The Three Borough’s application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development’s Special Program Priorities (SPP) Neighborhood Assistance Program in the amount of \$43,000 to be used to hire a project manager.*

**Motion: Cunningham****Second: C. Burwell**

President Dais	YES	Vice President Cunningham	YES
Rev. Benton	YES	Mr. Borcik	YES
Minister Burwell	YES	Mrs. Burwell	YES
Ms. Nesby	NO	Mayor Esper	

**Motion passes: 6 – 1 – 0****Department Reports**

Manager’s report

1. Alcosan Transforming 12<sup>th</sup> – will be on the agenda on Thursday; council needs to make the determination to either fully vacate 12<sup>th</sup> or go down to one lane; approval for Borough Manager to continue conversations and apply for additional funding for the project. *(NOTE: Council would like to allow one lane closest to the school for vehicle traffic.)*

*Motion to move forward with agreement with Steel Valley School District for 50% of the shared design costs.*

**Motion: Cunningham****Second: C. Burwell**

President Dais	YES	Vice President Cunningham	YES
Rev. Benton	YES	Mr. Borcik	YES
Minister Burwell	YES	Mrs. Burwell	YES
Ms. Nesby	NO	Mayor Esper	

**Motion passes: 6 – 1 – 0**

2. Recurring bill list – update copy given to Council
3. Public Park permits

**Public Safety**

Police Chief’s report

Fire Chief’s report

- 1. Truck repair bill included in packet for review, will need to be approved at June meeting.

Mayor’s report

- 1. Voodoo Brewing unveiling the Josh Gibson mural on 5/21/21
- 2. At the Vaccine clinic sponsored by Rep. Lee at the Carnegie Library – 710 shots given out.
- 3. Salvation Army food box cancelled for May.
- 4. Richard Bazy of Shultz Ford gave 11 \$5,000 scholarships to Steel Valley School District seniors.
- 5. Jazz in the Park on 5/30/2021 from 6 – 8 with Tony Campbell and the Surgery

**Department Reports**

Engineering

- 1. Paving of West to begin 5/17/2021
- 2. CD46 McLean Playground Drainage

*Motion to authorize the Steel Rivers COG to award the McLean Drainage project to the low bidder, Jet Jack for \$78,741.00 with the Borough responsible for \$3,741.00.*

**Motion: Mr. Borcik**

**Second: Min. Burwell**

President Dais	YES	Vice President Cunningham	YES
Rev. Benton	YES	Mr. Borcik	YES
Minister Burwell	YES	Mrs. Burwell	YES
Ms. Nesby	NO	Mayor Esper	

**Motion passes: 6 – 1 – 0**

- 3. Removal of fallen stone wall at 106 E. 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

*Motion to accept the only bid by DJ Demo Co. and to authorize DJ Demo Co to remove the fallen stone wall at 106 E. 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue for \$850.*

**Motion: Mr. Borcik**

**Second: Mr. Cunningham**

President Dais	YES	Vice President Cunningham	YES
Rev. Benton	YES	Mr. Borcik	YES
Minister Burwell	YES	Mrs. Burwell	YES
Ms. Nesby	YES	Mayor Esper	

**Motion passes: 7 – 0 – 0**

4. Removal of the unused pole rusted at the base at 12<sup>th</sup> and Amity.

*Motion to accept the low bid by Satira Construction. and to authorize Satira to remove the fallen stone wall at 106 E. 15th Avenue for \$975.*

**Motion: Mr. Borcik**

**Second: Mr. Cunningham**

President Dais	YES	Vice President Cunningham	YES
Rev. Benton	YES	Mr. Borcik	YES
Minister Burwell	YES	Mrs. Burwell	YES
Ms. Nesby	YES	Mayor Esper	

**Motion passes: 7 – 0 – 0**

5. Sewage repairs in the amount of \$19,500 to include the sinkhole at W. Oak near Sarah (\$8,500), Broken Manhole lid and frame E. 16<sup>th</sup> near Mifflin (\$4,500); and broken storm inlet, Joseph Street (\$6,500).

*Motion to make sewage repairs in the amount of \$19,500 based on the low bids to include the sinkhole at W. Oak near Sarah (\$8,500), broken manhole lid and frame E. 16<sup>th</sup> near Mifflin (\$4,500); and broken storm inlet, Joseph Street (\$6,500).*

**Motion: Min. Burwell**

**Second: Rev. Benton**

President Dais	YES	Vice President Cunningham	YES
Rev. Benton	YES	Mr. Borcik	YES
Minister Burwell	YES	Mrs. Burwell	YES
Ms. Nesby	YES	Mayor Esper	

**Motion passes: 7 – 0 – 0**

6. Removal of the deteriorated concrete base for decorative light at E. 8<sup>th</sup> & West.

*Motion to accept the only bid by Satira Construction. and to authorize Satira to remove the deteriorated concrete base for decorative light at E. 8<sup>th</sup> & West. for \$575.*

**Motion: Min. Burwell**

**Second: Mrs. Burwell**

President Dais	YES	Vice President Cunningham	YES
Rev. Benton	YES	Mr. Borcik	YES
Minister Burwell	YES	Mrs. Burwell	YES
Ms. Nesby	YES	Mayor Esper	

**Motion passes: 7 – 0 – 0**

7. Replace damaged swing seats at McLean Playground.

*Motion to accept the only bid by Sports & Recreation Assoc.. and to authorize Sports & Recreation Assoc. to replace the damaged swing sets (\$678) and replace missing bolts (\$200) for a total of \$978.*

**Motion: Mr. Cunningham**

**Second: Min. Burwell**

President Dais	YES	Vice President Cunningham	YES
Rev. Benton	YES	Mr. Borcik	YES
Minister Burwell	YES	Mrs. Burwell	YES
Ms. Nesby	YES	Mayor Esper	

**Motion passes: 7 – 0 – 0**

Building Code  
Parking  
Public Works

**Public Comment** – General Information Name, Address - Comment

**Agenda Items:**

1. **Approve April 2021 bill list - \$99,177.34**

**Motion: Min. Burwell**

**Second: Rev. Benton**

President Dais	YES	Vice President Cunningham	YES
Rev. Benton	YES	Mr. Borcik	YES
Minister Burwell	YES	Mrs. Burwell	YES
Ms. Nesby	N/A	Mayor Esper	

**Motion passes or fails: 6 – 0 – 0**

2. Motion to approve May 2021 payroll in the amount of \$130,000 (estimate).

**Motion: Mr. Cunningham**

**Second: Min. Burwell**

President Dais	YES	Vice President Cunningham	YES
Rev. Benton	NO	Mr. Borcik	YES
Minister Burwell	YES	Mrs. Burwell	YES
Ms. Nesby	N/A	Mayor Esper	

**Motion passes or fails: 5 – 1 – 0**

3. Motion to approve minutes for April 12, 2021 and April 15, 2021.

**Motion: Mr. Borcik**

**Second: Mr. Cunningham**

President Dais	YES	Vice President Cunningham	YES
Rev. Benton	NO	Mr. Borcik	YES
Minister Burwell	YES	Mrs. Burwell	YES
Ms. Nesby	N/A	Mayor Esper	

**Motion passes: 5 – 1 – 0**

4. Motion to authorize the Borough Manager to continue pursuing the recycling proposal with Swissvale.

**Motion: Mr. Cunningham                      Second: Mr. Borcik**

President Dais	YES	Vice President Cunningham	YES
Rev. Benton	YES	Mr. Borcik	YES
Minister Burwell	YES	Mrs. Burwell	YES
Ms. Nesby	N/A	Mayor Esper	

**Motion passes or fails: 6 – 0 – 0**

5. Motion to approve a public meeting on June 3, 2021, 7:00 pm, to discuss Cobrahead street light replacements and discuss alley parking restrictions.

**Motion: Mr. Borcik                                      Second: Mr. Cunningham**

President Dais	YES	Vice President Cunningham	YES
Rev. Benton	YES	Mr. Borcik	YES
Minister Burwell	YES	Mrs. Burwell	YES
Ms. Nesby	N/A	Mayor Esper	

**Motion passes or fails: 6 – 0 – 0**

6. Motion to change dates of Council meetings to the 2<sup>nd</sup> (Work at 5:00 pm) and 3<sup>rd</sup> (Legislative at 6:00 pm) Thursdays to take effect with the July 2021 meetings.

**Motion: Rev. Benton                                      Second: Mrs. Burwell**

President Dais	YES	Vice President Cunningham	YES
Rev. Benton	YES	Mr. Borcik	YES
Minister Burwell	YES	Mrs. Burwell	YES
Ms. Nesby	N/A	Mayor Esper	

**Motion passes or fails: 6 – 0 – 0**

7. Motion to approve the 2021 donation to Munhall Area Prehospital Services in the amount of \$10,000 per the 2021 Budget.

**Motion: Mr. Cunningham                                      Second: Min. Burwell**

President Dais	YES	Vice President Cunningham	YES
Rev. Benton	YES	Mr. Borcik	YES
Minister Burwell	YES	Mrs. Burwell	YES
Ms. Nesby	N/A	Mayor Esper	

**Motion passes or fails: 6 – 0 – 0**

8. Motion to approve the 2021-2022 Blackboard contract renewal in the amount of \$4,646.00.

**Motion: Mr. Borcik**

**Second: Mr. Cunningham**

President Dais	YES	Vice President Cunningham	YES
Rev. Benton	YES	Mr. Borcik	YES
Minister Burwell	YES	Mrs. Burwell	YES
Ms. Nesby	N/A	Mayor Esper	

**Motion passes or fails: 6 – 0 – 0**

9. Motion to approve the Steel Valley Enterprise Zone Requests at no cost to Borough:
- Payment of the 2021 Main Street TIF program administration.
  - \$1,000 Donation to Boy Scout Troop 15 to landscape at the Homestead Gray's Bridge.

**Motion: Mr. Borcik**

**Second: Rev. Benton**

President Dais	YES	Vice President Cunningham	YES
Rev. Benton	YES	Mr. Borcik	YES
Minister Burwell	YES	Mrs. Burwell	YES
Ms. Nesby	N/A	Mayor Esper	

**Motion passes or fails: 6 – 0 – 0**

10. Motion to approve the RuthRauff estimate to repair HVAC on second floor of the Borough Building for \$1,951.00.

**Motion: Min. Burwell**

**Second: Rev. Benton**

President Dais	YES	Vice President Cunningham	YES
Rev. Benton	YES	Mr. Borcik	YES
Minister Burwell	YES	Mrs. Burwell	YES
Ms. Nesby	N/A	Mayor Esper	

**Motion passes or fails: 6 – 0 – 0**

11. Motion to approve creating parking lots on the current lots located at the 100 blocks of 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> this is to include putting up a fence at the top of lots, grading and adding gravel to level and putting up Meter Feeder signs.

**Motion: Mr. Cunningham**

**Second: Min. Burwell**

President Dais	YES	Vice President Cunningham	YES
Rev. Benton	YES	Mr. Borcik	YES
Minister Burwell	YES	Mrs. Burwell	YES
Ms. Nesby	N/A	Mayor Esper	

**Motion passes or fails: 6 – 0 – 0**

12. **TABLED** ~~Motion to approve a surcharge to the businesses in the Waterfront that utilize the Pump Station, amount to be determined at a later date.~~

- Research the ordinance and determine the deliniation

13. Motion to approve the purchase of the Sensaphone, messaging service for the Pump Station, per the recommendation of the engineer in the amount of \$1,850.

**Motion: Mr. Cunningham**

**Second: Min. Burwell**

President Dais	YES	Vice President Cunningham	YES
Rev. Benton	YES	Mr. Borcik	YES
Minister Burwell	YES	Mrs. Burwell	YES
Ms. Nesby	N/A	Mayor Esper	

**Motion passes or fails: 6 – 0 – 0**

14. Motion for the Engineer to do a traffic calming study on Amity at 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> to determine if stop signs can be placed at those intersections.

**Motion: Mr. Cunningham**

**Second: Mr. Borcik**

President Dais	YES	Vice President Cunningham	YES
Rev. Benton	YES	Mr. Borcik	YES
Minister Burwell	YES	Mrs. Burwell	YES
Ms. Nesby	N/A	Mayor Esper	

**Motion passes or fails: 6 – 0 – 0**

15. Motion to approve updated Cell Phone Policy effective May 14, 2021 that added a section regarding Borough-owned software on personal cell phones of staff and updated language regarding law enforcement and use of personal cell phones.

**Motion: Min. Burwell**

**Second: Mrs. Burwell**

President Dais	YES	Vice President Cunningham	YES
Rev. Benton	YES	Mr. Borcik	YES
Minister Burwell	YES	Mrs. Burwell	YES
Ms. Nesby	N/A	Mayor Esper	

**Motion passes or fails: 6 – 0 – 0**

16. Motion for Executive Session for personnel issues.

**Motion: Mr. Borcik**

**Second: Mr. Cunningham**

President Dais	NO	Vice President Cunningham	YES
Rev. Benton	YES	Mr. Borcik	YES
Minister Burwell	YES	Mrs. Burwell	YES
Ms. Nesby	N/A	Mayor Esper	

**Motion passes or fails: 5 – 1 – 0**



Council went into Executive Session at 8:15 pm and returned at 8:58 pm.

17. Motion to offer Eric Callen a full-time officer position pending clearances by the Homestead Borough Police Chief.

**Motion: Mr. Cunningham**                      **Second: Mrs. Burwell**

President Dais	YES	Vice President Cunningham	YES
Rev. Benton	YES	Mr. Borcik	YES
Minister Burwell	YES	Mrs. Burwell	YES
Ms. Nesby	N/A	Mayor Esper	

**Motion passes or fails: 6 – 0 – 0**

18. Motion to offer Darnell Coles a full-time officer position pending clearances by the Homestead Borough Police Chief.

**Motion: Mrs. Burwell**                      **Second: Min. Burwell**

President Dais	YES	Vice President Cunningham	YES
Rev. Benton	YES	Mr. Borcik	YES
Minister Burwell	YES	Mrs. Burwell	YES
Ms. Nesby	N/A	Mayor Esper	

**Motion passes or fails: 6 – 0 – 0**

19. Motion to offer John Dytko a part-time officer position pending clearances by the Homestead Borough Police Chief.

**Motion: Mr. Cunningham**                      **Second: Min. Burwell**

President Dais	YES	Vice President Cunningham	YES
Rev. Benton	YES	Mr. Borcik	YES
Minister Burwell	YES	Mrs. Burwell	YES
Ms. Nesby	N/A	Mayor Esper	

**Motion passes or fails: 6 – 0 – 0**

20. Motion to offer Robert Castro a part-time officer position pending clearances by the Homestead Borough Police Chief.

**Motion: Min. Burwell**                      **Second: Mr. Cunningham**

President Dais	YES	Vice President Cunningham	YES
Rev. Benton	YES	Mr. Borcik	YES
Minister Burwell	YES	Mrs. Burwell	YES
Ms. Nesby	N/A	Mayor Esper	

**Motion passes or fails: 6 – 0 – 0**

## **Resolutions**

**Resolution 2021-06:** A Resolution of the Council for the Borough of Homestead, Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, authorizing the application for a Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program (GTRP) Grant in the amount of \$112,200 for the Mon River Fishing Pier.

### **Resolution 2021-06 GTRP Grant for GAP Trail River Overlook**

**Motion: Mr. Cunningham**

**Second: Rev. Benton**

<b>RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES</b>				
<b>COUNCIL MEMBER</b>	<b>AYES</b>	<b>NAYES</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
President Don Dais	X			
Vice President Lloyd Cunningham	X			
Rev. Louise Benton	X			
Mr. Drew Borcik	X			
Min. Connie Burwell	X			
Mrs. JouAl Burwell	X			
Ms. Mary Nesby	N/A			
Mayor Betty Esper				

**Resolution passes: 6 – 0 – 0**

**Resolution 2021-07:** A Resolution of the Borough of Homestead of Allegheny County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, establishing the Allegheny County 2020 Hazard Mitigation Act of 2000 as a prerequisite to receiving post-disaster hazard mitigation grant program funds.

### **Resolution 2021-07 Allegheny County 2020 Hazard Mitigation Plan**

**Motion: Mr. Borcik**

**Second: Rev. Benton**

<b>RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTES</b>				
<b>COUNCIL MEMBER</b>	<b>AYES</b>	<b>NAYES</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
President Don Dais	X			
Vice President Lloyd Cunningham	X			
Rev. Louise Benton	X			
Mr. Drew Borcik	X			
Min. Connie Burwell	X			
Mrs. JouAl Burwell	X			
Ms. Mary Nesby	N/A			
Mayor Betty Esper				

**Resolution passes: 6 – 0 – 0**

**Public Comment** – General Information

Name, Address - Comment

**Adjournment - Motion to adjourn – 9:06 pm**

**Motion: Mr. Borcik**

**Second: Min. Burwell**

**NEXT MEETING DATES**

Zoning Board – April 28, 2021 6:00 pm

Planning Commission – April 28, 2021 7:00 pm

HARB – May 5, 2021 7:00 pm

Work Session/Caucus – May 10, 2021 5:00 pm

Legislative Session – May 13, 2021 6:00 pm

Approved

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Date

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Vanessa McCarthy-Johnson  
Borough Manager

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Don Dais  
President of Council