



**Homestead Borough Council
Legislative Session**

**September 16, 2021
6:00 PM**

Call to Order at 6:14

Roll Call

President Dais	YES	Vice President Cunningham	YES
Rev. Benton	YES	Mr. Borcik	YES
Minister Burwell	YES	Mrs. Burwell (6:13 pm)	On Phone
Ms. Nesby	YES	Mayor Esper	YES
Borough Manager	YES	Solicitor, S. Dalfonso	YES
Police Chief Desimone		Fire Chief Eads	YES
Code Enforcement		Public Works	
Engineering, L. Hemphill	YES		

Pledge of Allegiance

Department Reports

- Police Chief's report - none
- Fire Chief's report
 - Would like to have repairs done to the Fire Station and surrounding area
 - Council will send the engineer to take a look at the repairs
- Mayor's report
 - Music in the Park – Sunday, September 25, 2021
- Engineering – report in packet
 - Hazel Way still in design
 - Motions from the engineer:
 1. Motion to approve Casmac Line Striping, Inc. to paint lines on West Street for the amount of \$8,990.00

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	YES	Mayor Esper	

Motion passes: 7 – 0 – 0

- Motion to accept the bid of El Grande industries for the D=CD47 Street Reconstruction in the amount of \$202,404. The grand total for the reconstruction is \$232,404. CD47 grant amount is \$30,000.

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	YES	Mayor Esper	

Motion passes: 7 – 0 – 0

- Building Code – report in packet
- Parking – report in packet
- Public Works– report in packet

Public Comment – Items on the Agenda
Duane Schulte – asked what Freedom is

Agenda Items:

- Motion to approve September 2021 bill list \$ 110,507.27 reviewed by the Finance Committee on September 14, 2021.

Fund	Amount
General Fund	\$ 93,790.51
Sewer	\$ 13,368.70
Payroll	\$ 690.40
Capital Improvement	\$ 2,657.66
Grand Total Bills	\$ 110,507.27

Motion: Mr. Cunningham

Second: Rev. Benton

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

Motion passes: 5 – 2 – 0

NOTE: Mr. Borcik stated his reason for voting no on the bill list because bills are being paid without Council approval

2. Motion to approve actual August 2021 payroll: \$62,225.67.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham

Second: Min. Burwell

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

Motion passes: 5 – 1 – 1 ABSTENTION

NOTE: Per 7/15/2021 meeting, the prior month actual payroll is to be voted on in the following month.

3. Motion to approve August, 12 2021 and August 19, 2021 meeting minutes.

Motion: Min. Burwell

Second: Rev. Benton

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

Motion passes: 5 – 2 – 0

4. Motion to accept the revised Cell Phone policy for Borough employees.

Motion: Ms. Nesby

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

Motion to amend Motion #5.

Motion: Rev. Benton

Second: Ms. Nesby

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. Motion to approve the engineer to prepare specs and advertise for bids for the roof repair at 221 E. 7th Avenue.

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	YES	Mayor Esper	

Motion passes: 7 – 0 – 0

6. Motion to approve the solicitation of bids for equipment to video meetings and allow for online meetings in Council Chambers to include: WiFi projector, laptop and video camera.

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	YES	Mayor Esper	

Motion passes: 7 – 0 – 0

7. Motion to approve the 2022 Minimum Municipal Obligation and place in Homestead Borough's 2022 budget the estimated State Aid to be received in 2022.

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	YES	Mayor Esper	

Motion passes: 7 – 0 – 0

8. Motion to advertise for alternate crossing guards per the request of the Police Chief.

Motion: Mr. Borcik

Second: Ms. Nesby

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

9. Motion to approve the Steel Valley School Resource Office Memorandum of Understand for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion: Mr. Borcik

Second: Ms. Nesby

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

Motion passes: 6 – 0 – 0

Motion to Table Motion #10.

Motion: Ms. Nesby

Second: Rev. Benton

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

Motion passes: 6 – 1 – 0

10. **TABLED** - Motion to approve the Noble Environmental service agreement for electronic waste recycling services for a one-year term.

11. Motion to approve to vacate Water Way and give adjacent landowners 50% of the land.

Motion: Ms. Nesby

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

12. Motion to approve 2 Certificates of Appropriateness for: (1) 100 East Eighth Avenue for a sign, and (2) 225 East Eighth Avenue for a sign and painting of storefront as recommended by HARB

Motion: Ms. Nesby

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

13. Motion to approve the renewal of the Homestead Borough Police Department's participation in the DEA Task Force, agreement to be signed by the HBPD.

Motion: Ms. Nesby

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

14. Motion to approve 8 hours Freedom, financial software, training for staff at the cost of \$1,000.

Motion: Mr. Borcik

Second: Ms. Nesby

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

15. Motion to terminate the contract with Town Center Associates effective December 31, 2021.

Motion: Rev. Benton

Second: Min. Burwell

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

Motion passes: 5 – 2 – 0

16. Motion to hire a De'em Daugherty, currently a seasonal, part-time Laborer as a full-time, Public Works Laborer II, effective September 20, 2021 on advise of th Public Works Supervisor.

Motion: Ms. Nesby

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

17. Motion to approve Keystone Collections Group to file 2018 Allegheny County tax liens if they can change the minimum tax balance due exceeds \$200. Once the determination has been approved, Keystone will need to have the \$60.00 per lien filing cost in advance.

Motion: Mr. Borcik

Second: Ms. Nesby

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

18. Motion to approve updated COVID-19 policy.

Motion: Ms. Nesby

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

**Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel matters.
There will be action taken after return.**

Motion: Ms. Nesby

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

Council went into Executive Session at 7:30 pm
Council returned from Executive Session at 8:36 pm

Motion to amend Agenda to add Motion #19.

Motion: Ms. Nesby

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

19. Motion to accept resignation of Officer John Dytko, effective September 19, 2021.

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

Motion to amend Agenda to add Motion #20.

Motion: Mr. Cunningham

Second: Ms. Nesby

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

20. Motion to direct the engineer to extend fence at the Public Works storage shed and repair the hole in current fencing .

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

Public Comment – General Information NOT on the Agenda
NONE

Adjournment at 8:46 pm
Motion: Mr. Borcik
Motion passes: 7 – 0 – 0

Second: Rev. Benton


NEXT MEETING DATES

Zoning Board	Planning Commission	HARB	Work Session/Caucus	Legislative Session
09/22/2021	09/22/2021	10/01/2021	10/24/2021	10/14/2021
6:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:00 pm	5:00 pm	6:00 pm

Approved

10/21/2021
Date


Vanessa McCarthy-Johnson
Borough Manager


Don Dais
Council President