

**BOROUGH OF HOMESTEAD  
221 EAST 7<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE  
HOMESTEAD, PA 15120**

**AGENDA MEETING MINUTES**

**FEBRUARY 10, 2020  
6:03 P.M.**

Council President, Rev. Benton called the February 10, 2020 agenda meeting of the Homestead Borough Council to order. Mayor Esper was asked to lead the pledge of allegiance.

**THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS RESPONDED TO ROLL CALL:** Wanda Burwell, Min. Connie Burwell, Don Dais, Mary Nesby, Rev. Louise Benton, Mayor Esper, Solicitor Heminger and Lauren Zang, Manager. Drew Borcik joined the meeting by telephone. Lloyd Cunningham was absent

Mr. Heminger announced that Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> there was an Executive Session dealing with personnel matters and legal advice. Also, prior to this meeting there was an Executive Session regarding legal advice and personnel matters.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

Dan Kelly talked about blocking off parking spots for the jitney drivers. Council stated that they were not aware of this.

**Police Chief DeSimone**

Police Chief gave his report.

President Benton talked about the project going in at the Mitchell's site. It will be apartments. President Benton explained that they have requested an extension since they are not ready yet. It will probably happen in June.

Alice Paylor-Dais asked if the apartments would be handicapped.

John Burwell asked to make it low income and stated that it is going to change the voting. He feels that people who have been here will be pushed out.

President Benton also talked about gentrification.

Joe Ducar, I've been here for 33 years. He asked about the parking at the new Mitchell's site if they would have to pay the parking privilege tax. Mrs. Pelkey state

That they would.

President talked about the liquor license for Capri. There was a discussion held about this. Ms. Zang stated that there will be a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday. Mr. Heminger stated that there will be someone here from Capri and then Council will decide if they will permit it or not.

President Benton talked about Frick Park – we are going to just repair the rubber surface and add a swing.

Ms. Zang talked about the new building for public works. It will be on 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue Ext. Discussion was taken on this matter.

We received a grant to pave West St.

Problem between 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> at the Masonic Building. Ms. Zang stated she will have Building Inspector investigate this.

Resolution to have a deed filed for McLean Park.

Advertising for a Public Hearing for a liquor license for Valero. Discussion was held on this matter.

Christine-Newell-Hines – Ms. Zang gave her report on Miss Newell Hines.

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2020 street paving list

West 14<sup>th</sup> Sewer repair

Minutes

Alice Paylor-Dais asked if she was going to get a new computer. Ms. Zang stated that she was to get her prices.

Mr. Burwell talked about when Council comes out and sits in front of the public, they need to be unified. If there are problems leave them in the back room. The public doesn't need to see you roll your eyes and disrespecting each other.

There was a discussion taken on this.

**Borough Solicitor**

No Report

**M-1** A motion was made by Ms. Burwell, seconded by Min. Burwell to remove the Vice President due to extenuating circumstances. Upon roll call vote, Min. Burwell, Ms. Burwell, Mr. Borcik and President Benton voted yes. Ms. Nesby and Mr. Dais voted no. Motion carried.

**M-2** A motion was made by Min. Burwell, seconded by Ms. Burwell to nominate Drew Borcik as the Vice President. Upon roll call vote, Min. Burwell, Ms. Burwell, Mr. Borcik and President Benton voted yes. Ms. Nesby and Mr. Dais voted no. Motion carried.

Mr. Borcik thanked everyone and stated he hoped he could live up to everyone's standards. Thank you for the honor.

Mr. Ducar asked about what needed to be done at Frick Park. Ms. Zang explained what the project consisted of.

President Benton stated that there are free computer classes at MVI.

**M-3** A motion was made by Ms. Burwell, seconded by Mr. Borcik to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

Council adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The Homestead Borough Council agenda meeting of February 10, 2020 was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Pelkey  
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