



**Homestead Borough Council
Budget Session Minutes
November 19, 2020
5:00 PM**

Call to Order

President Dais called the meeting to order at approximately 5:22 PM in Council Chambers, second floor of the Municipal Building, 221 East Seventh Avenue, Homestead, PA 15120.

Roll Call

The roll was called to establish a quorum

Council Members Present:

President Dais	Mr. Cunningham	Min. Burwell
Mr. Borcik	Mrs. Nesby	Rev. Benton

Council Members Absent:

Mrs. Burwell

Mayor:

Mayor Esper – Absent

A quorum was established

Other Attendees:

Borough Manager	Tax Collector	Shunta Parms, Code
Police Chief	Fire Chief	

Discussion of Budget

- Tax Collector – Mrs. Paylor-Dais
 - Would like to increase salary (to include Deputy’s salary) to \$18,000
 - Was told by Council that she could not do it until 2022
 - Yearly fee for software help – line needs to be created in General Fund
 - Need to verify if Jordan must do delinquent tax collection
- Police Dept – Chief DeSimone
 - New police car in budget for 2020 – would like to move it to 2021 due to COVID
 - Needs a line item in General Fund – remove from Capital Improvement Fund
 - SRO – 2018 Contract
 - Solicitor is talking with school district to update
 - Chief to check taser contract
 - Would like to update Civil Service list
- Code
 - Added Fire Escrow account in Revenue
 - Increased Dept Head salary by 8%, Code Officer, 3%
 - Council would like to get an SUV for Code to use
 - Council would like to know what Community Development is 01-462-000?

- Public Works
 - Add furnace cost to 430-373
 - Repairs to roof in current budget 01-430-373, approx. \$6000,
 - Bid out ASAP
- Fire – Chief Eads
 - Office supplies – requests through front office
 - Question on gas and electric being charged to his account
 - Increased Transportation reimbursement
 - Radio/Equipment is at end of life for current radios
 - Hydrant Service – billed by water company – Homestead leases the hydrants
 - Would like to see a replacement of ladder truck
 - \$700,000 - \$1,000,000
 - How does it get paid for?
 - Potentially a demo truck may be available for a lesser price tag
- Administrative
 - Manager suggests 3% quality of life salary increases across the board


Meeting adjourned


Next Meeting:

Budget Session **Friday, November 20, 2020** **5:00 pm**

****Reminders****

Executive Session to discuss personnel matters – November 30, 2020	5:00 pm
Work Session/Caucus – December 14, 2020	5:00 pm
Legislative Meeting – December 17, 2020	6:00 pm


 Vanessa McCarthy-Johnson
 Borough Manager

Accepted on 12/17/20

 Donald Dais
 Council President