



**Homestead Borough Council
Budget Session Minutes
November 20, 2020
5:00 PM**

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Call to Order

President Dais called the meeting to order at approximately 5:12 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, <i>via phone</i>	

Council Members Absent:

Rev. Benton	Mrs. Burwell
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Mayor:

Mayor Esper – Absent

A quorum was established

Other Attendees:

Borough Manager	Tax Collector
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Discussion of Budget

- Manager made corrections to the several line items based on discussion from 11/19 session:
 - Create separate line items for the Administrative Assistant 1 and 2
 - Take Police vehicle out of Capital Improvement and put in the Police Dept. General Fund
- Manager suggested 3% increase for all non- union staff
- Manager added a Financial Manager Consultant to help organize the budget
- Manager included the purchase of cell phones for staff and council
- Manager included the purchase of tablets for the Code and Parking staff that will tie into Freedom
- Council decided to review some budget cutting items at a later meeting
- Council agrees to advertise the proposed 2021 Budget

Motion:

Motion to adopt the 2021 proposed budget and authorizing the Interim Borough Manager to advertise the availability of the proposed 2021 budget for a 10-day public inspection period.

Motion: _____ **Second:** _____

Vote:

President Dais **Yes**
Rev. Benton N/A
Min. Burwell **Yes**
Ms. Nesby **Yes**

Vice President Cunningham **Yes**
Mr. Borcik **Yes**
Mrs. Burwell N/A
Mayor Esper N/A

A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried

Old Business:

1. The cost of the steel building for Public Works, \$11,490 added to record. Purchase of the building was approved at the 11/12/2020 meeting.

New Business:

1. Steel Valley is going to remote learning starting on 11/23/2020. It was suggested to put out a message through Blackboard.
2. December meetings should be virtual due to the increase in COVID cases. Manager will check and make the necessary arrangements.
3. Ms. Nesby informed Council that Dragon’s Den would like to put in a giant boardgame on the sidewalks of Frick Park. Council members present thought it would be a good idea for family fun.

Adjournment: Meeting was not adjourned

Motion: Drew Borcik made a motion to continue the meeting for an Executive Session on Monday, November 30, 2020 at 5:00

Motion: Drew Borcik **Second:** Connie Burwell

Vote:

President Dais **Yes**
Rev. Benton N/A
Min. Burwell **Yes**
Ms. Nesby **Yes**

Vice President Cunningham **Yes**
Mr. Borcik **Yes**
Mrs. Burwell N/A
Mayor Esper N/A

A vote 5 – 0; Motion carried

Next Meeting:

Executive Session	Monday, November 30, 2020	5:00 pm
Agenda/Caucus	Monday, December 14, 2020	5:00 pm
Legislative Session	Thursday, December 17, 2020	6:00 pm

Accepted on _____

Vanessa McCarthy-Johnson
Borough Manager

Donald Dais
Council President