

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
January 22, 2019**

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Hometown was called to order by Mayor Kevin Casey on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 8:00 P.M.

Pledge of The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Finnegan.

Roll Call: Roll call indicated that the following were present: Aldermen Kurysz, Smith, Banasiak, Barnhouse, Touchie, Grochowski, Reynolds and Finnegan.

Absent: Alderman Zak and Walsh.
Also present: Elizabeth Attard, City Attorney

Press: Kelly White, Hometown Hi-Lites.

Journal January 8, 2019 Moved by Alderman Kurysz seconded by Alderman Reynolds to approve as published the Journal of January 8, 2019 regular City Council Meeting.
Roll call, the vote was:

- AYES: (6) Aldermen Barnhouse, Smith, Banasiak, Reynolds, Finnegan, and Kurysz
- NAYS: (0)
- ABSENT: (2) Aldermen Zak and Walsh
- ABSTENSION: (2) Aldermen Touchie and Grochowski

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

CITIZEN’S HEARING

NONE

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Office of the Mayor

Mayor Casey stated he would like to appoint Spencer Touchie Jr. to the Zoning Board.
Roll call, the vote was:

- AYES: (8) Aldermen Barnhouse, Smith, Banasiak, Reynolds, Finnegan, Touchie, Grochowski and Kurysz
- NAYS: (0)
- ABSENT: (2) Aldermen Zak and Walsh

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Office of the City Clerk:

City Clerk Hacker had no report.

Office of the Treasurer:

City Treasurer Salvatore Roti had no report.

REPORTS FROM CITY APPOINTED OFFICIAL

City Attorney: Elizabeth Attard had no report.

Police: Louis Dominguez, Chief had no report.

Public Works: Mark Trlak, Director, not present.

Building: James Forbes, Commissioner, no report.

Public Health & Safety: Michael Ringbauer, Director, not present.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Accounts Payable and Payroll January 22, 2019 Moved by Alderman Touchie seconded by Alderman Banasiak to approve for payment the accounts payable vouchers in the amount of \$63,337.67 and payroll vouchers in the amount of \$53,919.53 for a total expenditure of \$117,257.20.

Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (8) Aldermen Barnhouse, Smith, Banasiak, Reynolds, Finnegan, Touchie, Grochowski and Kurysz

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Aldermen Zak and Walsh

MOTION DECLARED CARRIED

STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Alderman Glen Zak, Chairman was absent. Alderman Barnhouse asked if the Police can please enforce the no parking after 2 inches of snow so the plows can clean the streets. Chief Dominguez stated he will get the word out to his officers.

WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE

Alderman Robert Smith, Chairman had no report.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Alderman Robert Smith Chairman had no report.

BUILDING COMMITTEE

Alderman Brian Barnhouse had no report.

LICENSE COMMITTEE:

Alderman Donna Grochowski, Chairman had no report.

CODE AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE:

Alderman Robert Reynolds, Chairman reported the meeting went well and hopefully the Chief can get the issue resolved.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE:

Alderman Rick Banasiak, Chairman had no report.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Alderman Luci Kurysz, Chairman had no report.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Aldermen Frank Finnegan reported the Chief is active in many new activities and a new hire coming soon. Mayor Casey stated he wanted to commend the Police Department for handling the new technology being thrown at us. Mayor Casey stated when we interviewed the new Chief none of these issues were anticipated, Chief Dominguez is tackling them, but be aware they are mandatory and expensive.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Library: Alderman Grochowski Liaison reported the next meeting will be February 6, 2019.

Legislation: Alderman Spencer Touchie, Chairman had no report.

Fire

Department: Alderman Rick Banasiak, Liaison reported everyone received a copy of the report which shows all the training they have been to. Next month there will be a breakdown on the 2018 calls. There is now a new alarm panel at the HFPD. On February 10, 2019 at Noon there will be a ceremony honoring some of the Firemen and also a Family Day, everyone is invited and bring your families; they will have activities for the little ones.

Personnel Mayor Kevin Casey, Chairman had no report.

Review:

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, COMMUNICATIONS RESOLUTIONS, ORDERS AND ORDINANCES BY ALDERMEN

Res. No. 1-2019: Moved by Alderman Touchie, seconded by Alderman Smith to approve Resolution No. 1-2019, A Resolution Relieving the Municipality of the need for a Surety Bond for Work Performed on State Maintained Right Of Ways By a Municipal Employee in 2019 and 2020.

Roll call, the vote was:

AYES: (8) Aldermen Barnhouse, Smith, Banasiak, Reynolds, Finnegan, Touchie, Grochowski and Kurysz

NAYS: (0)

ABSENT: (2) Aldermen Zak and Walsh

Motion declared carried

SPECIAL EVENTS: Alderman Grochowski reported the breakfast with The Easter Bunny will be held on April 19th at OLL.

HEALTH, WELFARE & COMMUNITY EVENTS: Alderman Grochowski reported on several upcoming activities.

Alderman Touchie reported the Hometown Community Chest Golf Outing date is set for June 8, 2019. Mayor Casey reported Alderman Walsh was not present tonight due to health issues, keep him in your thoughts and we lost a longtime resident, Shirley Heiting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Alderman Banasiak asked if the Cell Tower was up and running and Mayor Casey stated not yet, Clerk Hacker stated we are waiting for Commonwealth Edison.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Casey stated he still gets several calls a week about gaming in the Shopping Center.

CITIZEN’S HEARING: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Alderman Touchie, seconded by Alderman Reynolds to adjourn the regular meeting of the Hometown City Council.

MOTION STATED CARRIED
The meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm

Mary Jo C. Hacker, City Clerk