

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN

**JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
February 2, 2021**

Call to The Finance Committee meeting of the City Council of the City of Hometown was called to
Roll Call: order by Mayor Kevin Casey on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

Roll call indicated that the following committee members were present:
Aldermen Beyer, Reynolds and Banasiak. Quorum present

Also present were Aldermen, Zak and Grochowski.

Mayor Casey turned the meeting over to Treasurer Roti. Treasurer Roti stated everyone should have three spreadsheets, the Budget Revenue, Actual –vs- Budget report and the Tax Collections. Tonight we will go over the anticipated revenue. The IML has been seeing better revenue than anticipated and we are hoping by the end of the fiscal year, April 30th it will be even better. Treasurer Roti went down the line items of anticipated revenue and noted the Telecommunication Taxes are down with many people removing land lines. Treasurer Roti noted a decrease in Building Permit Fees, which could be in part due to Covid and he is hoping we see an increase in the coming months. Mayor Casey stated there are several large projects in town coming up which will bring in large permit fees. It was noted the Sales Tax is down some but Use Tax has increased. We see the Video Gaming coming back as businesses open again. The Com Ed. Utility Tax is down, Nicor should be going up as it is now cold. Other line items that have decreased are fines, towing fees, LDR which all can be affected by Covid. The Cannabis Local Tax has increased. Red Light Fines are down also. Water and Sewer is self-supporting, the Library budget will be coming down the line as well as the Recreation budget. Mayor Casey stated if Kiddy Kapers does not come back, participation was way down last year, we may rent out the Patterson Building for parties. There was discussion regarding our new population numbers to come and the change in the per capita. Treasurer Roti stated he hopes our population holds. Treasurer Roti stated we will meet again in two weeks. Mayor Casey stated we were reimbursed for some expenses by the Cares Act and there is talk that more funding is coming.

Miscellaneous

City Business: Mayor Casey announced we were lucky to get a K9 dog donated to the Police Department. Officer Lis will be the owner and be trained right alongside the dog. This will assist us and surrounding communities. If our dog goes to another community and sniffs a large bust we would get a % of the money from the drug bust.

CITIZEN'S

HEARING: NONE

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Alderman Banasiak seconded by Alderman Reynolds to adjourn the Finance Committee meeting.

MOTION STATED CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Mary Jo C. Hacker, City Clerk