

**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOMETOWN  
FINANCE COMMITTEE  
JOURNAL OF THE PROCEEDINGS**

**February 28, 2017**

Call to Order: The Finance Committee meeting of the City Council of the City of Hometown was called to order by Treasurer Roti on Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 7: 00 P.M.

Roll Call: Roll call indicated that the following Committee members were present:  
Aldermen Touchie and Banasiak.

Also present were Mayor Casey, Treasurer Roti, Clerk Hacker, Alderman Finnegan and Alderman Walsh.

Alderman Grochowski entered at 7:10, Alderman Kurysz entered at 7:15, Alderman Byrne and Carmody entered at 7:40.

Moved by Alderman Touchie, Seconded by Alderman Banasiak to approve the journal of the February 7, 2017 Finance Committee meeting as published.

Roll Call indicated:

Ayes: Aldermen Touchie and Banasiak 2

Nays: None

Motion declared carried

City Treasurer Salvatore Roti. Treasurer Roti stated everyone should have a handout showing the projected revenue. Some State streams are down a little and some have increased. We continue to budget conservatively and we remain optimistic and comfy where we are at. This year we budgeted 57% of the red light camera fines, in the past we budgeted 50%. The water fund is solid on revenue and we should be getting the Library and Park Board next week after their meeting.

Alderman Banasiak asked if we have room in the utility tax for increases, he was assured we do have room if needed. Treasurer Roti noted the Police Department is increased 55k, in meeting with the Chief this is due to required training. Public Works has decreased their budget by \$9,000.00. Corporate is up a little. Every year we transfer funds from corporate to balance the budget and in the past we needed 130k-185k, this year we are looking at 234k. The Police Department is considering a 4 year lease on new squads opposed to buying them and switching equipment from old one to new ones opposed to ordering new for each squad. After 4 years you own the vehicle for \$1.00. We are showing a savings this year on dispatch reduction, health insurance and IMRF. Keep in mind we do not budget Local Debt Recovery or Video Gaming. So on a whole we have no big surprises and Treasurer Roti will work with the Library and Park Board to get their budgets completed. Mayor Casey stated that Police wish list are actually one time expenditure necessities, the Chief is being very frugal. The one open item is the payment on the balance of the tree cutting, Treasurer Roti will contact Director Trlak regarding this.

The wish list sheets were also passed out to everyone tonight, as you can see they are mostly safety related items.

CITIZEN'S

HEARING: NONE

MISC.

CITY BUSINESS: NO NE

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Alderman Touchie seconded by Alderman Banasiak to adjourn the Finance Committee meeting.  
MOTION STATED CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

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Mary Jo C. Hacker, City Clerk